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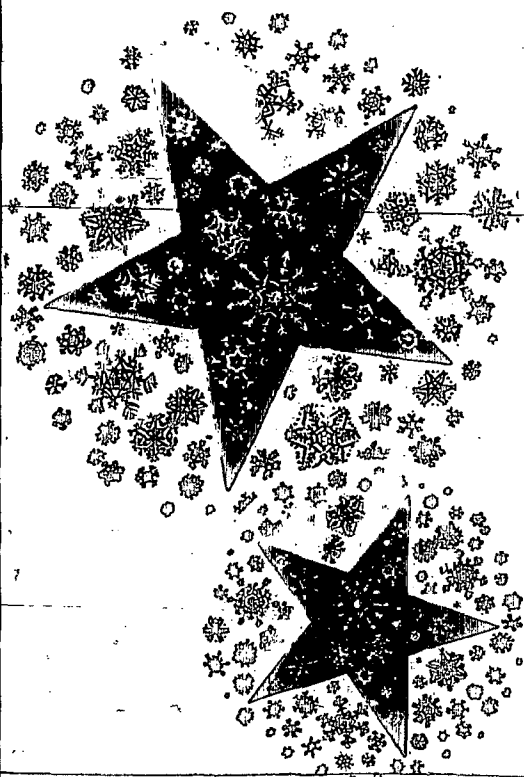
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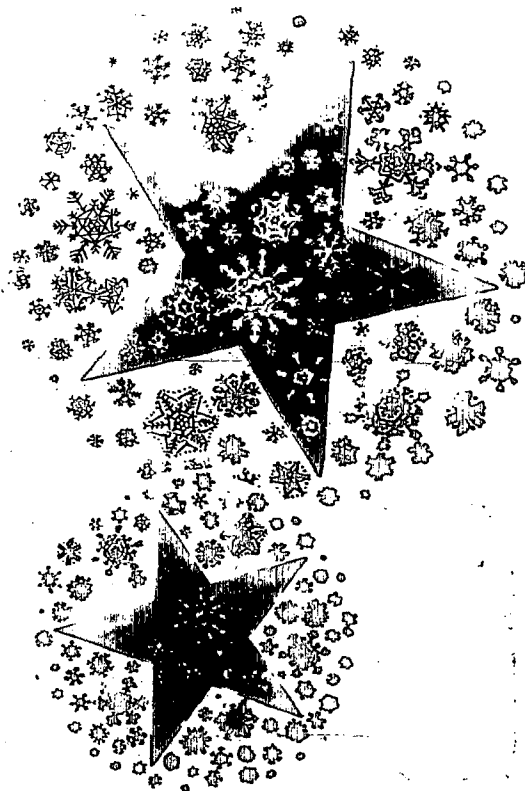
BEST WISHES

FOR A

MERRY



The door is closed, but only to keep out Mr. Frost. The wreath says, "It's Christmas. All are welcome." This is the spirit of the Yule in America! The family gathers for the celebration. Friends visit and greetings are exchanged. Ours we offer now to all of you with the added wish for a Happy New Year.



CHRISTMAS

TO ALL OUR
FRIENDS

It would take more than a blizzard to stop us from sending you these wishes for a Merry Christmas and loads of Yuletide fun.



AuSable Service Station

Floyd Cole, Prop.

Perfect Present

By Willard Olvan Persing

THE REASSURING WEIGHT of the nickels and dimes in his pocket took the bite out of the raw Saturday afternoon. Surveying the street from the eminence of three dollars for the first time in his eleven years, Jimmy Sands thought it was a pretty nice world after all.

After enjoying this sense of prosperity for a few seconds, he remembered that he'd have to hurry if he wanted to hide the Christmas present before his mother woke up from her nap. A frown came over his face as he glanced around to locate his pup, Mike, wasn't anywhere in sight.

He started to whistle, but his attention was caught by little Sammy Farr, big-eyed with excitement and fright, running toward him.

"Hoy, Jimmy!" called Sammy. "They took Mike!"

Jimmy's heart sank. He knew who 'they' meant, but he had to make sure. "Who took him?"

"The dogcatcher. Mike tried to run away, but they caught him down at the corner."

He Sammy wiped his nose on his sleeve. "I didn't have time to take Mike away. I did be-



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fore when that old dogcatcher came around."

"I shouldn't have left him down here by himself, but I didn't want to wake Mom up." Jimmy sat down on the step and buried his face in his hands. Sure, he thought, they'll keep Mike five days before they get rid of him, but a license will cost two dollars and a half.

Then he straightened up; he had three dollars in his pocket, three dollars all his own, that he had earned by running errands, selling junk, and saving the few pennies that his mother had given him for candy.

If he bought a license for Mike, he wouldn't be able to buy the new purse for his mother, but he could buy a nice handkerchief or something with the fifty cents that he would have left.

A boy of eleven couldn't cry in front of a seven-year-old so Jimmy blinked away the tears that came when he thought of fuzzy, playful Mike being tossed into a pen full of big snarling dogs.

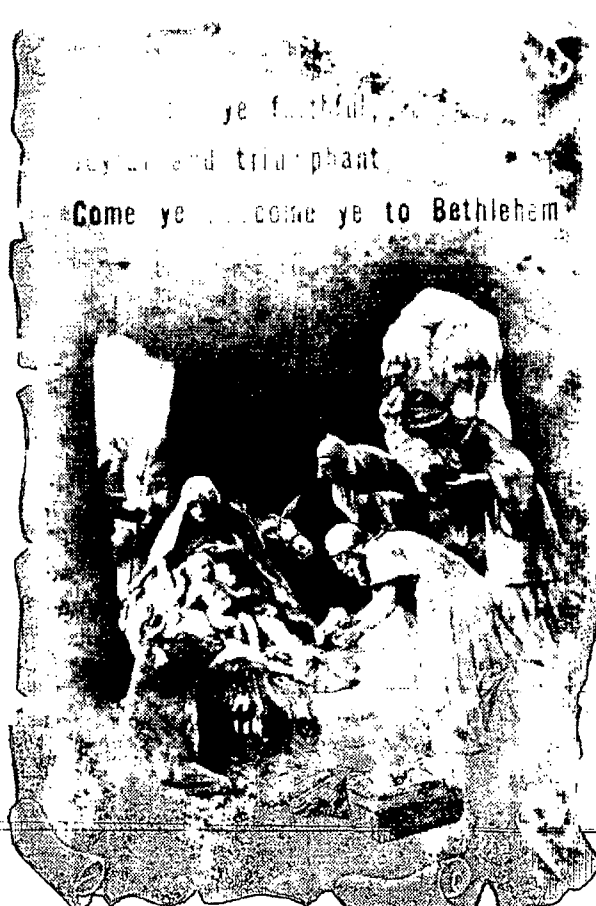
"I wonder if they'll feed him good?"

A SENSE OF SHAME kept returning when Jimmy thought of his mother's shabby old purse. She'd had it as long as he could remember, and he had seen her stop several times to admire the shiny black one with the gold-colored clasp that was in Hoff-



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HANSON'S
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Come ye... come ye to Bethlehem



Decorate your homes with love and affection in this, the happiest time of the year

GRAYLING RESTAURANT

Frank Roth

Joe Cinciala



Christmas Cheer

Let us open our hearts to the wondrous peace and beauty of the season

Grayling Laundry and Dry Cleaners

Merry Christmas



Have yourselves a wonderful holiday



VINCE'S
SHELL
SERVICE



We add our voice to the chorus calling for abiding hope and peace

Sorenson Funeral Home



MAY YOU ALL ENJOY THE BLESSINGS OF THIS SEASON OF DEEP JOY

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AuSable Insurance Agency

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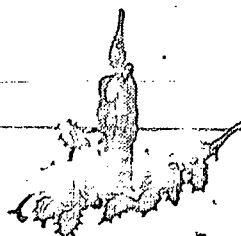
Willard Cornell



May the angels bending near the earth bring you an abiding peace



In the spirit of the blessed day we wish you a completely happy Christmas



MAC'S DRUG STORE
"THE RECALL STORE"



We're wishing you
a sprightly, happy
time this
Yuletide



RASMUSSEN LUMBER CO.



May the peace of
the season be in
all your hearts



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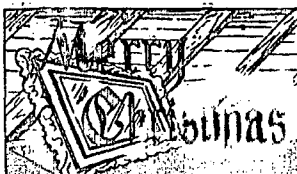
Hardware and Home Furnishings



A sincere wish for a fine
holiday to everyone in
town



HUNTER'S AUSABLE DAIRY



By Richard HILL Willinson

MRS. Southern was desperately in need of money, and so when she came across the Currier and Ives print she thought right off that it might be possible to sell the picture to a collector for a considerable sum. The painting was dusty and fly-specked and encased in a heavy, antiquated gold frame, but she carried it down to the kitchen and cleaned it as best she could, and then called in Burt.

"It's been in the attic for years," she explained. "Mother had it a long time ago. And you know some Currier and Ives prints are worth fortunes."

Burt scratched his chin and scrutinized the barely distinguishable signature. He nodded slowly. "You might get something for it at that," he said. "It's a Currier and Ives all right, and it's sure enough old."

"Oh, Burt, wouldn't it be wonderful if we could! Why, it would just solve everything!"

Burt grinned. "Well, there's no harm in trying. More I look at it the more I think it might bring a price. Tell you what I'll do: I'll call Moe Avery. He's a collector and he'll buy it if it's worth anything."

So Burt went to the phone and called Moe. He'll



Mrs. Southern held her breath while he bent to study the painting.

In an hour's time, he told his wife a moment later. "We'd better not get too optimistic though. Probably turn out to be worthless."

"Oh, Burt, you don't think it will! Why—why I'd be satisfied if it brought \$50!"

"Ought to bring that," said Burt. "Ought to bring more! However, no use in getting optimistic."

Mrs. Southern sighed. "Fifty dollars!" she said. "Think of it. Just think of all the things we could do. But there. As you say, I mustn't get optimistic."

"That's best," Burt agreed. "Even \$25 is a lot of money to us." They talked about the prospects and possibilities, both pro and con, undergoing various sensations of hope and fear and optimism and misgivings, until finally the door bell rang and Burt admitted Moe Avery.

Moe was a brisk and efficient little man. He greeted them briefly, and then produced his glasses. "How long?" he asked, "has this print been in your family?" "Oh, over so long," said Mrs. Southern. "I—I've rather lost track."

"Hum," said Moe. "You've been saving it?" "Yes," said Mrs. Southern, "we've been saving it."

The collector removed his glasses, carefully returned them to his case and put the case into his pocket. His face wore a doubtful expression. He sighed heavily. "I'm afraid," he said, "that I can't offer

Holly Superstition: It Will Determine Ruler in Household

HUSBANDS and wives! Attention! There is an old superstition about holly that will interest you. It was a belief of the ancients that the first to bring Christmas holly into the house, either husband or wife, would be the one to rule the household during the ensuing

year. But don't put too much stock in the belief. Like other Christmas legends, the truth might be lost in history.

The Druids were great admirers of the holly plant. They believed that its evergreen leaves attested to the fact that it was never deserted by the sun, and was therefore sacred.

Legends have related how the crown of thorns was plaited from holly. The leaves of the plant were white until the Crucifixion, after which they turned a deep, blood-red.

A holly wreath placed on the door is believed enough to frighten away even the boldest of witches.

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you enough to make it worth your while to sell. I'm sorry."

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a most merry
and joyous
Christmas

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To All The Good People Of Our
Town, We Wish The Sum OF All
Happiness.

Let Us Share The Joy Of The
Season Without Stint.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL

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Mercantile
Company



We hope your
holidays
are
of joy

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Tidings of Joy



Lead of old fashion
Christmas happiness to
all our good
friends
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IS THE WISH OF YOUR CRAWFORD COUNTY OFFICIALS

RAY F. CLEMENT
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LEO E. LOVELY
County Clerk
BUD HUNTER
Register of Deeds

WILLIAM F. GOLNICK
Sheriff
CHARLES E. MOORE
Prosecuting Attorney
ARCHIE HOWSE
County Treasurer



LET SANTA'S
JOLLY SPIRIT
BE YOUR
GUIDE THIS
HOLIDAY
SEASON

Shirlee Shoppe



By Maud McCurdy Welch

PATTI WAS TRYING to forget it was Christmas. Last Christmas there had been Jimmy and a ring on her finger. Then there was a girl named Ann and everything was over. Patti had packed up and come to this part of the city to live.

So there were no holly wreaths or Christmas trees in Patti's Pie and Bake Shop just off one of the bustling avenues. There was only Patti with her brown curls and mellow brown eyes and the long rows of pies and cakes in the show-cases.

People came from all over to buy Patti's cakes and pies and drink her coffee. There was the little old lady who sold magazines on the corner, who came in every day.

She was the first to come in on Christmas Day, and she was hugging a big wreath of holly and mistletoe. "Hang it in the window, dearie," she said.

Patti looked at the wreath and a sick pain caught at her heart.

Then there was the telephone operator who worked in a branch exchange, and later the little boy who always stopped by from school. He had such sad blue eyes it made Patti's heart ache. Patti always gave him a huge slice of pie



When he saw the wreath his eyes brightened. "Gee, that's pretty."

and he ate it with relish, but the sad bewilderment of his eyes never seemed to go away.

When he saw the wreath, his eyes brightened. "Gee, that's pretty. You goin' to have a Christmas tree too, Miss Patti?"

Patti started to say no, but choked. Instead she asked, "Don't you have a Christmas tree, Tommy?"

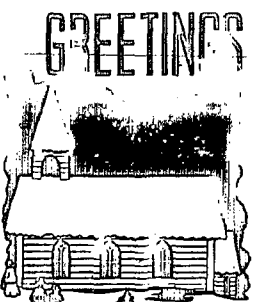
He shook his head. Patti said, her voice still choky, "Then we'll have one here. You can help me trim it."

In no time at all the tree was up and they were trimming it. In spite of her stern efforts, Patti was conscious of a slow excitement. Tommy asked if she believed in that Kris-Kringle stuff, and she had to stop to think before answering. At last she said, "Yes, Tommy, I—I think I do. Kris Kringle may be just a symbol, but he's really alive in the hearts and spirits of hundreds of people all over the world."

Tommy's blue eyes grew bright. "Then do you think if I told him I only wanted my daddy back, and nothing else, he would bring him back to us? My mommy told him to go, but she didn't mean it. Now she's sick, but if Daddy would come back, we'd both be happy and she'd be well."

An idea was slowly dawning in Patti's mind. "We'll see what we can do, Tommy," she promised.

Patti hurried like mad and got a



DAWSON'S

personal ad. in the late edition of one of the big dailies. It read:

"Mr. Thomas Baker, please call at Patti's Pie & Cake Shop at once."

PATTI WAITED and waited. The little shop was brightly lighted and the Christmas tree was a beautiful sight to see.

But no one came. Everything had been sold, so Patti was putting out the lights when a tall young man walked in. He said, "I may be the Thomas Baker you're looking for. Of course I don't know."

Patti just felt it in her bones that he was the right one. She said, "Do you have a wife by the name of Margaret and a little boy named Tommy?"

"Yes, yes, I do."

"Then you're the right Thomas Baker. They want you to come home."

"Are you sure Margaret wants me too?" The young man's eyes were suddenly full of hope.

Patti nodded. "I'm very sure," and the young man thanked her, turned to go and almost collided with another tall young man who had just come in. He was looking at Patti with his whole heart in his eyes. "The minute I saw that personal, I was sure it was you. No one ever spelled Patti with an 'i' as you do." Then he reached for her hands. "Patti, won't you forgive me for thinking I could ever love another girl? Won't you let me put this ring where it belongs?"

Patti was choked up with happiness as he slipped the ring on her finger. "Finding you is like a Christmas miracle," he whispered as he took her in his arms.



Our wish to you on this Christmas day is like the evergreen, always there and never fading. A gay Yule to you.

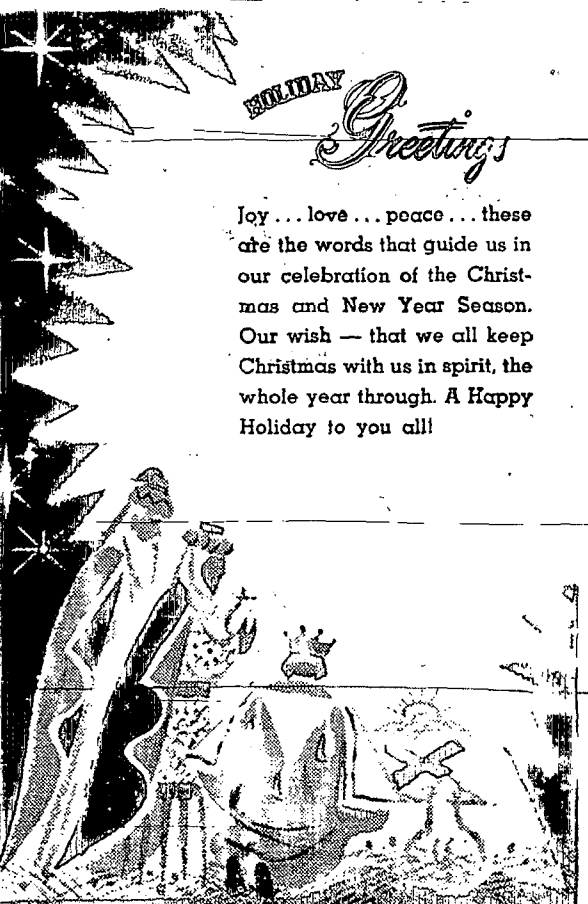
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A purr-fect Christmas day to you and many, many joyful and merry days ahead . . . these are the Yule wishes we send to you.

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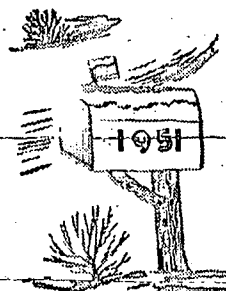


Joy . . . love . . . peace . . . these are the words that guide us in our celebration of the Christmas and New Year Season. Our wish — that we all keep Christmas with us in spirit, the whole year through. A Happy Holiday to you all!

Gierke Hi-Speed Service



Our hope, this year as always, is for lasting peace on earth.



For our many good friends we wish only that they may share fully in it.

Welsh Motor Sales

"YOUR FRIENDLY FORD DEALER"

HOLIDAY

Greetings

We wish we could send a special Holiday Greeting to each friend we've made this year. Instead, we take this means to wish you all a Happy Holiday and Fruitful New Year.

CHARLES W. MOSHIER
DeSoto - Plymouth Sales and Service

Merry Christmas

We would like to have a news break come along alike in significance unto the first Christmas.

Not that the Bible does not narrate the story with clarity, grace and fervor. We just have a professional—and reverent—interest in how the reporter would handle man's salvation.

He might interview the "voice crying in the wilderness" for background material. Front pages would be carrying Augustus' decree that "all the world should be taxed," a lead that might send the newsman to meet Joseph and Mary in Bethlehem.

Or he might accompany the Wise Men, familiar with Herod's awful command that they discover the Child for him. Civilization, incensed by the massacre of the innocents, would read with relief of their disobedience.

Yesterday's newspaper is dead news, but this "extra" would have lived forever.

1951

Down the chimney Santa comes with a sack full of our thanks for your loyal patronage in the past year.

TIP TOP TOGS
MARIE HERRICK, Owner

Peace

— "good will to men" this is the wish on our lips, the prayer in our hearts as we attend church at Christmas time.

DAVIS JEWELRY

The final appearance of an English king in battle took place in 1743.

Merry Christmas

1951

Our best wishes go out heartily to all our good friends

PLAZA GRILL

Cedars of Lebanon Are Well Protected By Religion, Law

On a shelf-like plateau, 800 feet above the Mediterranean, the world's oldest Christmas trees stand where they have stood for centuries. The cedars of Lebanon, 400 of them, are protected by religion and law from harm at the hands of either the Moslems or the Maronite Christians.

The magnificent trees "that sing of the nativity" were venerated as monarchs among trees long before Judah had her first king. Some of them have a girth of 40 feet and a branch circumference of 300.

In the days of the conquerors thousands of conscripted Hebrew workers were sent into the Lebanon to take to Jerusalem "cedar trees without number"; the result of one of the first building contracts, between Hiram of Phoenicia and King Solomon.

Today, however, the trees are protected by law and the department of agriculture of the government sponsors the planting of seedlings, so that the giant cedars will grow forever.

Records Show Yule Customs Were Old In Fourth Century

The exact age of the Christmas festival is not known. Records show, however, that the holiday was spoken of in the fourth century as a custom of long standing.

Christmas began as Christ's Mass, or the Mass of Christ, sometime during the fourth century. It took that long after the blessed night for the great importance of Christ's birth to be realized by the people.

Until this time it had been the custom of the church to celebrate the anniversaries of deaths, rather than births. Christ's birthday was the first to be made an occasion for feasting.

The date for the celebration of the Christ Mass was selected by the church. So many years had elapsed that the actual date of His birth could only be a matter of conjecture.

The festival and spirit of Christmas spread through the Christian world. Pagan customs, even as they do today, attempted to adapt themselves to the Christmas season.

For many years after the origin of Christ's Mass the church frowned upon the practice of exchanging gifts during the festive season. Later, however, the practice was condoned, in remembrance of the spirit of the Three Kings of the Orient who had followed a shining star to the crib of the new-born Christ, bringing presents with a sense of humility.

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Let the peace and serenity of the Holiday Season be the goal for which we strive the year around. To all of our friends, we wish a Joyous Christmas and a year of fulfillment in 1952.

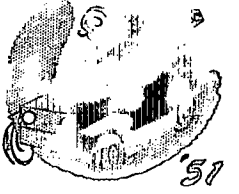


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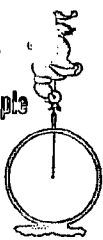
Most of South America won independence from Spain while the mother country was in revolt against Napoleon.

John Greenleaf Whittier's first poem was published when he was nineteen.

Merry Christmas
See you!



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ROSEMARY



The rosemary shrub, symbol of fidelity and constancy, was once supposed to possess many occult virtues. Hamlet's Ophelia said, "There's rosemary, that's for remembrance." The fact that Rosemary blooms at Christmas has introduced it into celebration of this feast.

Rosemary, according to one legend, opened to hide the Virgin Mary and her child from the soldiers of Herod, a legend shared with the juniper and other trees.

Another legend says that, during the flight to Egypt, Mary threw her blue cloak over a bush of rosemary when she lay down to rest. Ever since, in her honor, the flowers have been the heavenly blue of the mantle.



Santa's saying Merry Christmas to you — and in this greeting we join him too.



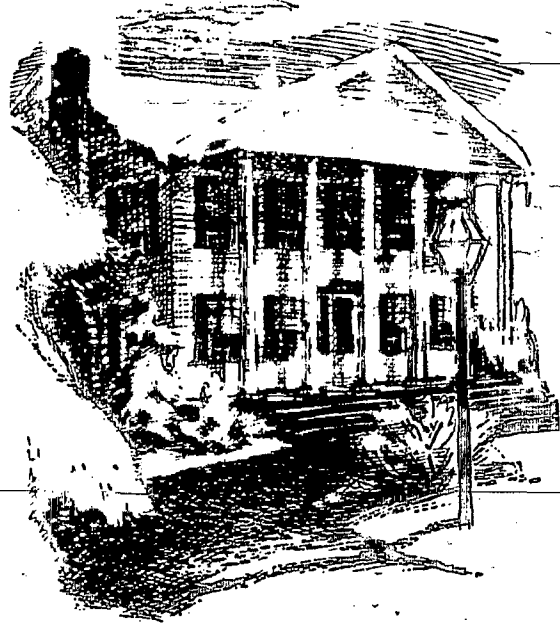
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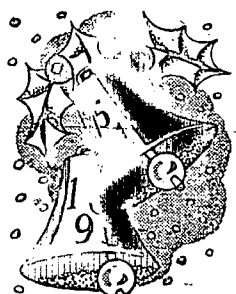
CHRISTMAS QUESTION CORNER

- QUESTIONS
- 1—Who was Kris Kringle?
 - 2—What does the name Kris Kringle mean?
 - 3—Who wrote the first Christmas Carols? When?
 - 4—What superstition had the Scotch about the Christmas candle?
 - 5—By what other name is mistletoe known?
 - 6—Where did the custom of kissing under the mistletoe begin?
 - 7—When were Christmas candles first used?
 - 8—How long has the practice of gift giving at Christmas been observed?
 - 9—How did the custom of hanging Xmas stockings originate?
 - 10—Why are candles used during the Christmas season?

ANSWERS:
1. Saint Nicholas, helper of the poor. 2. "Little Christ Child." 3. St. Francis of Assisi and his friars—in Italy—during the 13th century. 4. It was considered an omen of bad fortune if the candle went out before midnight. 5. The Golden Bough. 6. England. 7. In the middle ages—at the Jewish Feast of Lights. 8. Since the fourth century. 9. St. Nick once dropped a coin down the chimney of a poor family. It landed in a stocking hanging by the fire. 10. A star of Bethlehem.



Greetings May the joyous Christmas season fill your home with a spirit of hearty good cheer that promises to endure throughout the year.
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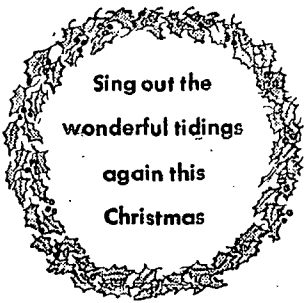
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Christmas Greens Brighten Home

A few well placed Christmas greens can do much to brighten a house at Christmas time. Properly clipped, the branches will never be missed, and might improve the looks of the tree from which they are cut.

Hemlock, red cedar, juniper, yew, pitch pine, white pine, will make



suitable material for a spray to decorate a mantle, door, or a spray for a novel post.

In pruning, however, keep in mind the natural appearance of the tree from which you clip branches.

St. Nick's Spirit

It is thought that St. Nicholas died about 345 A.D., and for 20 days following his festival day his genial spirit roamed the earth, filling the hearts of mankind with love and generosity. He gave the gifts without thought of return—the true spirit of St. Nicholas and Christmas.

Ancient Church Bells Still Summons Village

A pair of ancient church bells, brought to Frankenmuth, Mich., from Bavaria shortly after Frankenmuth was founded as an Indian mission, has been calling the congregation of St. Lorenz to Christmas eve services for more than a 100 years.

Ninety-five per cent of the residents of the small community are members of the church, earning the village the title of "the most Christian community in the United States."

Frankenmuth has never had a crime of violence, and, as far as residents can remember, no one has been jailed over a period of 100 years. The only visitors to the pickup are transients given a light.



HAILING NEWBORN KING
... Carol Singing Time

Denmark Pays Homage To Hans Anderson— Santa's Best Helper

LAST YEAR a festival in Denmark paid tribute to one of the greatest helpers Santa Claus ever had. He was Hans Christian Andersen, fairy tale writer, and composer of many Christmas stories.

His works have sold more copies than any other book, except the Bible, and have been translated into 35 languages, including Arabic, Hebrew, Chinese, Japanese, and Greenlandish.

Since 1875, the year that he passed away, visitors from all parts of the world have come yearly to the town



of Odense to see the home of the writer of such tales as "The Little

Match Girl," and "The Ugly Duckling."

Anderson's fairy tales, released just before Christmas each year, brought him money, fame and the attention of princes, as well as the adoration of children.

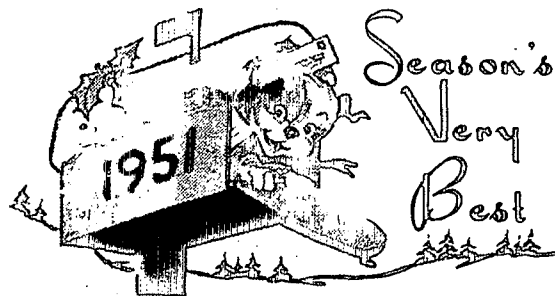
Once he received a United States dollar bill, enclosed in a letter written by a young American girl. It read: "Papa says that the dollar is my own, that he does not suppose you are in particular need of money, but I owe you this and a great deal more, he thinks it proper that I should send it to you."

England Once Forbade Christmas Observance

Did you know that the observance of Christmas was once forbidden in England—the home of the Yule Log, the Carol-singer and the wassailers?

During the Reformation many believed the undue jollity of Christmas day was sacrilegious. Parliament, on December 24, 1552, ordered that "no observance shall be held of the five and twentieth day of December, commonly called Christmas day; nor any solemnity used or exercised in churches upon that day in respect thereof."

This edict proved to be very unpopular with the masses of the people. It was not until many years later, however, that Christmas was once again regarded as a holiday.



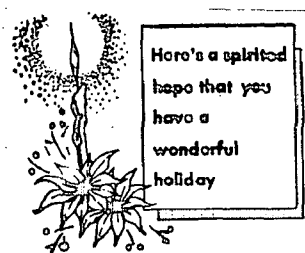
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On U. S. 27 — Between Grayling and Gaylord

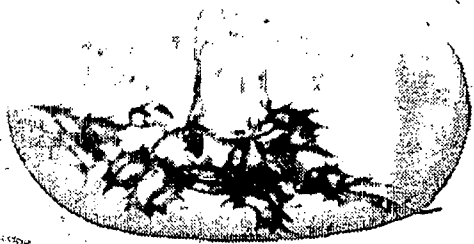
May your holiday tree be laden with the good wishes we send your way. A Merry Christmas from us all.



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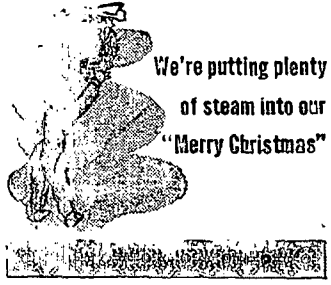
Let us enjoy together the blessed cheer and good will of Christmas



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CHRISTMAS LECTURE
"Now this is a Christmas tree," big brother appears to be telling the toddler. "It grows in the living room only once a year, and it always has a lot of nice presents under it."

Games for All Make Christmas Family Party

Christmas is the time for family get-togethers. One of the best ways to make these gatherings memorable for all concerned is to engage in games which the whole group can play.
A nice one to start off with would be a Sugar Plum Hunt. Have one member of the family hide Christmas candles, ahead of time in various nooks and corners around the house. At a given signal everyone starts hunting and gathering the pieces. The one who gathers the greatest number would be given a

The Legends of Christmas

THERE ARE almost as many Christmas legends and superstitions as there have been Christmases. Countless customs from the Old World have been absorbed through the centuries into the celebrations that we participate in today. A few, however, have been passed down from one generation to another, remaining always the same.

The Indians of Canada, for example, believe that the door kneel in prayer each Christmas Eve. An early missionary probably is responsible for the idea, but it still lingers and wily Indians have always attempted to catch the deer in the act.

In England, it is believed that the bees express veneration for the

nativity by singing in their hives at midnight. The bee hives are always adorned with holly sprigs for the Yuletide season.

In Europe it was custom for a young girl to creep to the family woodpile on Christmas Eve and pull out the first stick that her hand touched. If the stick was a straight one, with no knots, tradition said that she would have a good husband. Farmers in Europe also gave torches to their children and sent them singing into the apple orchards and the fields. The mice, caterpillars and moths were said to flee before the approaching songsters.

In early Germany it was a belief that water turned into wind during the hour before midnight on Christmas Eve.

'Christkindli' Is Swiss Counterpart of Santa

Santa Claus plays a very insignificant part in the Swiss celebration of Christmas, observed mostly on December 24. It is Christkindli, the Christ Child, who makes the rounds of Swiss homes on Christmas Eve.

This radiant angel is said to have come from the North, traveling on a fairy-like sleigh pulled by reindeer, much in the fashion of our Santa. Christkindli brings good Swiss children a beautiful tree, and many gifts. Like Santa, he stresses obedience and admonishes naughty youngsters.

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If Santa Misses, Reindeer Supply Will Be at Fault

If Santa Claus misses some youngsters this year, it could be offered plausibly that he was not able to round up enough reindeer for his yearly trip around the globe.

The reindeer shortage has become, in recent years, much too acute. It has been estimated that wolves have destroyed 500,000 of Santa's helpers within the last decade or so, leaving an approximate 50,000.

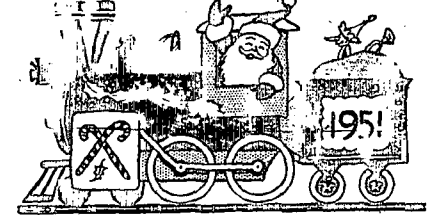
The difficulty of keeping the animals alive in a temperate climate, taken it unlikely that any of the



from their native regions to other lands for the holiday season, as has been done in the past.

American boys and girls will have to be satisfied with stand-ins. The few department stores featuring Santa's complete outfit this year will be using native deer as substitute for Dasher, Prancer, and company.

BEST CHRISTMAS WISHES



Our train of thought carries a cargo of hopes for your holiday happiness

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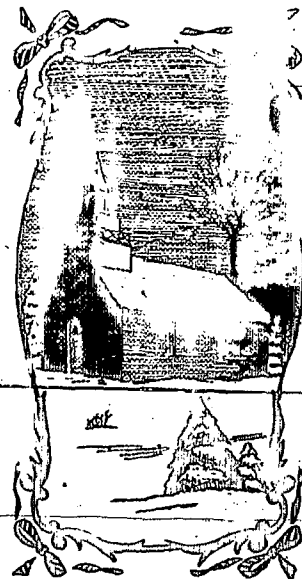
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It's a wonderful family holiday-one we hope you all will enjoy to the utmost

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"Everything for the Home"



Merry Christmas

It is people like you who give meaning to our celebration of the Saviour's birth
1951

BARINGER'S MEN'S SHOP

"THE NORTH'S FINEST"



Another question facing the next session of legislature: Will it, or can it, come up with \$2,000,000 for preliminary work on a Straits of Mackinac bridge? The structure recommended by the Bridge Authority would be five miles long—second longest suspension bridge in the world—and would cost an estimated \$87,000,000.

Can the state finance \$87,000,000? The authority says yes, that without raising the rates now charged by the state's five ferries (average \$2.09 per car) such a bridge could be paid in 25 years.

Engineers who made the original report pooch-pooched the federal that the bridge wasn't physically feasible. Said they: The currents in the Straits are negligible, the winds never have reached more than 70 mile per hour (bridge would be constructed to withstand winds of 120 mph), ice would be no problem and the straits bottom can easily withstand the "moderate pressures" exerted by such a bridge.

Advantages of linking the peninsulas: Funnell commercial traffic through the state which now is making the long run through Chicago and Wisconsin; facilitate de-

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R. L. D. S. Church Sponsors Broadcast

You are cordially invited to hear The Messiah, Handel's immortal classic, presented by the Independence Messiahs Choir, forty-three members of the Kansas City Philharmonic Orchestra, and soloists, under the direction of Franklin S. Weddle, Sunday evening, December 23rd at 10:30 P. M., Central Standard Time. Check your local CBS station schedule for exact time in your city. This broadcast is presented as a Christmas gift to the nation by the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Our Weather

(Courtesy Fish Hatchery)

Dec.	High	Low
11	32	23
12	26	15
13	20	10
14	20	8
15	18	8
16	12	5
17	16	10

indicates below.

Free Methodist Church Presents Xmas Program

On Friday evening at 7:30 the annual Sunday school Christmas program will be presented by the children and young people of the Free Methodist Church in Grayling. There will be a full program of interesting recitations, special numbers in song and a skit entitled "Christmas Eve."

You are welcome to the Free Methodist Church at any time. You need the church, the church needs you. Attend church somewhere.

Mancelona Plans All College Dance

An all college dance will be held Dec. 27 in the Mancelona gymnasium. This dance, the first of its kind in Northern Michigan, is being sponsored by the college students of Mancelona. The music of Harold Schreier, of Snow Valley fame, will be featured. Refreshments and entertainment are being planned. All college students from the surrounding area are invited to come.

December 27, It's a date for you and your date!

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Frymire, and daughters of Lansing are expected this week end to spend Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Harold MacNeven.

Hunter's Dairy will be closed all day Christmas Day.

Among the Christmas decorations at homes in Grayling is a very clever display on the lawn at the Joseph Lennert home. Its Rudolph the red nosed reindeer in a setting of evergreens.

HOW TO TREAT YOUR CHRISTMAS PETS

Do you expect to find a puppy, a kitten, or a canary, or some other pet among your Christmas gifts? Be sure to read in this Sunday's (Dec. 23) issue of The American Weekly, exclusively with Detroit Sunday Times, advice by Dr. George Washington Little, eminent veterinarian, about the handling, feeding and other care of pets.

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Vikings Trip Fairview And Roscommon Bucks For Two Wins

Face Lake City Here Wednesday

The Grayling High Vikings tucked the scalps of Fairview and the Roscommon Bucks into their belts last week and will face Lake City here this Wednesday night with the record of two wins and two close defeats. This will be the third conference game for Grayling and will ring down the basketball curtain until after the holidays.

The Vikings now have a record of one defeat and one victory in conference play and will be shooting for their second conference win for this season, Lake City lost to Houghton Lake last Friday night by more than 20 points, seemingly giving Grayling the nod for another victory this week.

At Fairview last Tuesday night with Jim Burch on the shelf with a heavy cold, Coach Bruce Smith unwrapped another offensive star as Dave Owen cut loose for 17 points. Duane Worden and Allen Luckstead each scored 8 with Del Joslyn adding 7. Dale Kenyon 3, Marvin Bielski 2 and Ronnie Eaton 1. Bill Weiss was in the game but failed to notch a counter.

Grayling hit for 9 out of 18 free throws while Fairview connected on 5 out of 17. The Vikings led Fairview build up a 9 to 4 lead in the first quarter but came back with a 17 to 13 second quarter as the half ended Fairview 22 to Grayling's 21. In the third period the Vikings outscored Fairview 11 to 8 to go into the lead and edged them in the final quarter 11 to 9 to win going away.

The reserves piled up another easy victory 50 to 20 with Roger Kessler scoring 12, Monte Malone 11, Larry Pond 10, Don Stephens 9, Dale Pettengill 6 and John Schofield 2. Grayling scored 12-4-17-17 in the four periods while

Frederic School Yule Party Tonite

The Board of Education will hold its annual Christmas tree and party for school children and parents at the Frederic High School in the gym this Thursday night.

Tuesday afternoon the school children of Frederic were guests of the Gaylord Theater at a special Christmas movie and received gifts at the showing.

The lower grade children have also been invited to attend the Legion Kiddies Christmas party on Friday.

An overflow crowd attended the two basketball games at Frederic High School last Friday night. The Frederic varsity defeated St. Charles of Cheboygan 20 to 6. The Frederic reserve team was defeated by the St. Charles second team.

The Frederic PTA has been active in promoting a dance for the children and parents every two weeks at the school. High School classes have also sponsored parties.

Archers Hold First Indoor Meeting

The first meeting called for the forming of an indoor northern Michigan archery league was well attended at the Grayling High School Gym Sunday evening. Gaylord, Mio and Grayling were represented with the Mancelona team unable to attend due to weather.

It was decided to limit the league to six teams with Gaylord and Grayling each furnishing two and Mio and Mancelona a team each. If Mancelona decides not to enter a team, Mio is ready to establish a second team. A few more archers are needed to fill out Grayling's second team, any one interested should contact Bruce Smith.

The league's first shoot will be held at the gym at the Grayling High School on Sunday, January 6, and every other Sunday thereafter. The first two will be held there while facilities are made available in the other competing cities for return matches.

WHAT - WHERE - WHEN

Dec. 20—1st and 2nd degree given to new Grange members. Grange Hall, 8 P. M. potluck lunch.
Dec. 20—Grayling Lodge, F. & A. M. No. 356. Banquet 6:30 p.m. Masonic temple Open installation officers, high school, 7:30.
Dec. 22—Bake sale, Peterson-Hawes, St. Mary's Altar Society. 12:00 noon.

holding Fairview to 5-8-4 and 3. Coach Smith used 12 boys in the reserve game.

On Friday, the Viking varsity had little trouble in turning back the Roscommon Bucks at Roscommon 58 to 35. The Vikings started off with a rush to rack up a 15 to 5 lead in the first period. They made it 30 to 16 at halftime and went on to score 14 in each of the last two periods while the Bucks were getting 7 and 12 points in the third and fourth periods respectively.

Burch led the scoring with 23 points with Worden adding 10, Owen and Luckstead 7 each, Bielski 5, Larson 4 and Joslyn 2. Figley with 9 and Hulce with 7 led the losing Bucks.

The reserves again overpowered their foes 63 to 24 with Pettengill leading the way with 14 points. Pond and Kessler each added 11, with Hamilton racking up 7, Malonen 8, Millikin 6, LaMotte 4 and King 2. Ross, Zeigler and Legg with 4 each led the Little Bucks.

Wednesday night's game here has been designated as "Hospital Night" and employees of Grayling Mercy Hospital will be the guests of the Grayling Athletic Association at the game.

A Step From Death

A step from death! That was Chief John A. Papendick's definition of the pedestrian's role in traffic this month as he warned Christmas shoppers today of the dangers facing them.

"Nearly a thousand pedestrians died in the United States last December," Chief Papendick said. "Most of these fatal accidents occurred in cities, towns and villages—which are bustling at this time of year with Christmas shoppers and extra traffic."

Chief Papendick's warning was prompted by recent National Safety Council reports on December's consistently high pedestrian death toll, and that organization's predictions that the country's one millionth traffic death will occur some time this month unless a radical improvement in driving and walking skills succeed in postponing the date. With pedestrian fatalities unusually heavy in December, according to the State Safety Commission, the odds on the "millionth man" being a walker are better than even.

"We need go no further than the corner of Cedar and Michigan right here in Grayling," Chief Papendick said, "to see examples of some of the pedestrian activities that partially explain December's deadly record."

Chief characteristics of these pedestrian activities, according to the State Safety Commission, are haste and inattention.

"Although everyone resolves to do his Christmas shopping early," Chief Papendick said, "few of us apparently do it. The most common sight on the streets this month is that of pedestrians, their vision obstructed by armloads of bundles, trying to do all their shopping in one afternoon usually within the last few days before Christmas. They step into the street with only a casual glance at the traffic bearing down on them. If it isn't a pile of packages obstructing their view, it's the umbrellas."

Chief Papendick said that inattention and haste are made doubly dangerous by the heavy darkness that usually envelops the city about 4 o'clock each afternoon, and by rain, sleet, snow and slippery streets so common to winter.

The Safety Commission's emphasis on pedestrians is part of the National Safety Council's December program of traffic safety education. Locally this work is being co-ordinated by the Police Department as a part of the nationwide effort to postpone the country's one millionth traffic death.

49 Magic Figure On New Postcards

The new 2c. post cards have created a real problem.

Regulations say a person may buy one to 49 at the 2c rate but if 50 or more are wanted a 10 per cent penalty is assessed.

In other words 49 costs 98c. 50 costs \$1.10. There is no rule to cover a company with a mailing list of 5,000 to make 102 separate transactions to get 4,998 cards, then one more for the remaining two cards.

If they do, they would save \$10. Post office workers must be dreading the thoughts of what might happen. They must also save the blue bands that hold the post cards in packs of 50.

Miller-Bennett Wed In Cheboygan

Miss Harriet Mary Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller of Cheboygan became the bride of Theodore Lewis Bennett in Cheboygan on Thursday, December 13th. The vows were spoken at St. Mary's Rectory at five thirty in the afternoon before Father R. Beaham. Immediate families witnessed the ceremony in a setting decorated with yellow and white mums.

The bride wore a red suit and white carnation corsage. Her sister, Mrs. Dorothy Kitchen of Cheboygan attended her. Best man for the groom who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bennett, was his brother, Robert.

The bride's mother wore an aqua dress and shattered carnation corsage and the grooms mother navy blue and an identical corsage.

A wedding reception given by the groom's parents was held at the Hansen Cafe, Grayling, following the ceremony. The refreshments included a lovely white wedding cake topped with a miniature bride and groom.

Among the out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Poquette and son, Jack and Eleanor Ranville of Mackinaw City; Ervin McIsaac and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tubbs of Bay City.

The new Mrs. Bennett graduated from St. Mary's High School in Cheboygan, and Ted attended Grayling High School. He spent twenty one months in the Army, eighteen of which were spent in Korea.

Following a week's honeymoon trip to Chicago the newlyweds will be at home to their friends in Cheboygan.

Former Resident Dies In Flint

Charles D. Thomas, 79, of 728 Vermilya Avenue, Flint, and former Grayling resident was laid to rest in Sunset Hill Cemetery, Friday, December 14th following rites read at the Reile Funeral Home, Flint, at 1:00 P. M. Rev. Eli B. Richard officiated.

Mr. Thomas was born in Fairgrove, Michigan. He was a lumber scaler for many years before moving to Flint 25 years ago. He passed away on Tuesday, December 11th.

Surviving are his wife, Rose; son Clyde and daughter, Mrs. Beryl Burgess of Flint; and three sisters, Mrs. Pearl Callender of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Hattie Sheldon of Caro and Mrs. Nettie Ingles of Akron.

Woman's Club

Monday evening members of the Woman's Club met with the Kiwanis Club at the high school to wrap Christmas gifts. Between fifty and sixty were present and the Woman's Club served cookies, cake and coffee in the home economics room after the gifts were wrapped.

The club wishes to thank all who donated time work or money to this worthy project. The response was very gratifying to the club.

The next meeting will be January 14th at the home of Mrs. Carl Richardson.

Blood Bank Questions And Answers

1. Often donors cannot arrange their time enabling them to be present when blood is drawn. When will it be possible to make donations by appointment?

Ans: Soon. A program is being arranged whereby donors will be able to be drawn more often and by appointment.

2. What reasons prohibit a person from donating blood?

Ans: A person having a history of having previously had Tuberculosis, jaundice, Syphilis, or chronic heart conditions. Temporary rejections are made when a person is less than 18 years and older than 60 years of age, has a low hemoglobin or is suffering from an infectious process or running an elevation of temperature.

3. May a person contribute regularly safely?

Ans: Yes. A normal healthy person may give safely every two months or often times once every three months is advised. Some donors have given as much as their own body weight in blood over a period of time with no injurious effects.

4. Is there any charge to a person who wishes to volunteer as a donor?

Ans: No. Any person who wishes to volunteer his blood to the local blood bank or Armed Services will be typed and RH factor determined and he may have this information within ten minutes if he cares to wait for the tests with no charge to the individual.

SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HOLIDAYS

The Grayling Schools will close for the holidays at noon on Friday. School will resume on Wednesday, January 2, 1952 with the regular schedule. It was announced by the superintendent's office.

Grayling Bowling League

Women's League

1 Spike's	33	11
2 Plaza Grill	29	15
3 Sorenson Spt. Gds.	28	16
4 Bear Archery	26	18
5 Horseshoe Lake Inn	25	19
6 Weaver's	23	21
7 Olson's	22	22
8 Spike's Rec.	21	23
9 AuSable Hotel	21	23
10 AuSable Ins.	20	24
11 Hanson's Chev.	20	24
12 Dawson's	19	25
13 Church Elec.	19	25
14 Tip Top Togs	19	25
15 Shirlee Shoppe	18	26
16 Burns Hdwe.	11	33
High averages: L. Hatfield 150, C. Sorenson 146, E. Burch 145, K. Hayes 141, E. Gierke 140, E. Marshall 140.		
Team single high: Plaza 764, AuSable Hotel 753, Dawsons 746, Spike's 744, Tip Top Togs 729.		
Individual single high: P. Long 176, A. Gross 174, J. Mathewson 174, P. Stensrud 174, M. Quinn 170.		
Team 3 game high: Dawson's 2172, Spike's 2115, Eliza Grill 2109, Horseshoe Lake Inn 2108, AuSable Hotel 2106.		
Individual 3 game high: P. Long 477, E. Burch 472, B. Lennert 462, J. Rasmussen 456, C. Sorenson 450.		

Men's Division

1 Pure Oil	36
2 Drewry's	35
3 AuSable Hotel	33
4 Long's Market	29
5 Davis Jewelry	29
6 Hanson's "Oids"	28
7 Bruun's Insurance	27
8 Wayside Inn	25
9 Plaza Grill	24
10 Baringers	21
11 Cason's Motel	21
12 Spike's	20
13 Sales 5c to \$1.00	18
14 Grayling Restaurant	16
15 Hanson's Chevrolet	15
16 Welsh Motor Sales	7

Charlie Long rolled a single game of 243 in the twelfth week of league bowling which overshadowed a single game of 236 which was the season's high by Larry Galehouse thus far. There were 20 games of 200 or better rolled last week. High series of the week was rolled by Lehr of Pure Oil a 590 with games of 215-211-164. Drewry's rolled the second high team single game of the season, a 970, just one pin short of the season's high mark set by Baringers. Drewry's then went on to roll the season high team three game series mark, a 2720 with their low man having a 525 series.

Harold Jarmin leads the average list with 176 with Father Breitenstein second with 175. Johnny Johnson is third with 172.31 and Dave Cook fourth with 172.16. Galehouse holds down fifth with 171 with Al Cherven sixth with 170. Don Denton is seventh with 169.24 with Roy Milne eighth with 169.22 and Melvin Nielson ninth with 169.20 and Bob Dean moving into tenth with 169.18.

There will be no bowling for the next two weeks due to Christmas and New Year's.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Those who have been released from the hospital during the past week are Frank LaVack, Rev. Robert Smith, Mrs. Helen Barber, Hans Peterson, Valerie Southwell, Ronnie Case and Kitty Funk.

Among the patients at the hospital are Otto F. Kuisel, Mrs. Matilda Hunter, Hermann Bidvia, Lyle Canfield, Mrs. Violet Christenson, Michael McEvers, Michelle Clough and Harry Souders Sr.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Perry Mecklenburg at Mercy Hospital on December 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter LaMotte announce the arrival of a daughter on December 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Parsons are happy over the arrival of a little daughter on December 12th.

To Broadcast Legion Kiddies Christmas Party Highlights

Local Dealers Donate Party Ice Cream

Gaylord radio Station WATC will broadcast highlights of the Legion Kiddies Christmas Party on their Saturday, December 22nd broadcast from 11:30 A. M. to noon. Be sure and tune in on the Gaylord station at that time. One of your youngsters may be on the air as Santa will interview children from each age group.

The dealers of M & B ice cream Spikes, Grayling Restaurant, Hansons Sporting Goods, Taylors Lunch and Longs Restaurant and the dealers of Seal Test ice cream, Dawsons and Herluf. Sorenson have made the necessary arrangements with their respective companies to furnish the ice cream for the American Legion Kiddies

Pedestrian Suffers Leg Injuries

Miss Irene Galvani, 18, is a patient at Mercy Hospital as the result of being struck by an automobile while walking on US-27 Saturday evening at 8:50 P. M. She received a fracture in both legs below the knees.

Miss Galvani was walking south on US-27 and was approaching the M-72-93 junction when an automobile driven by Russell Wright, 31, Conservation officer of Frederic skidded and struck her with the right rear fender. Wright was also going south on US-27 and was traveling at a speed of 20 miles an hour according to Sheriff William Golinick who investigated. Wright was not held.

Kiwanis, Women's Club Wrap Christmas Gifts

The Grayling Women's Club and the Kiwanis Club of Grayling met jointly at the Grayling High School Monday evening to wrap gifts of clothing and toys for needy children. The clothing gifts were purchased by the welfare committee of the Women's Club from a special fund donated by Kiwanis and the Women's Club.

Each member of the Women's Club donated at least one dress and slip and anklets for a girl on elementary school age while the fund was used to buy other clothing especially for boys.

The Kiwanis members spent most of Monday evening getting the refurbished and new toys as well as clothing gifts lined up for Christmas Eve delivery. The toys were repaired and painted by the shop classes of Grayling High School under the direction of instructor Wesley Kumpula. City employees also aided in the project.

Without doubt this will be the best job ever accomplished in Grayling on this project as the Kiwanis Club has gone far beyond their usual efforts while the great aid from the Women's Club will more than double the effort.

The Women's Club committee on the project is Mrs. Willard Cornell, chairman; Mrs. John Brady and Mrs. Robert Bovee. Dr. J. F. Cook is in charge of the Christmas Club committee on the Christmas effort for lesser privileged children.

The Kiwanis Club will not meet the next two Monday nights as they fall on Christmas and New Year's Eve. The next meeting of the club will be on Monday, January 7 at the Lone Pine Inn when the new club officers for 1952 will be installed in office.

Chamber of Commerce Holds Meeting

The Grayling Chamber of Commerce met in the City Hall council rooms last Friday night and decided to buy space in the Detroit Sportsmen Congress publication next April. They also decided to revise the Crawford County advertisement in the E. M. T. A. annual resort book. They also voted to bring the Grayling Sportsmen's Club area map up to date in conjunction with that group.

An interesting bit of business was the reading of two letters from India requesting information about Grayling and Crawford County.

New business of the evening was the discussion of a community building for Grayling. President Louis Hayes appointed Dr. B. E. Henig and Jack Alef to act on a committee with him, to meet with a similar committee from the Grayling Sportsmen's Club to lay the groundwork for definite plans for such a structure. The need for a community building in Grayling has long been felt by the citizens of this city.

Party. Due to the ever increasing costs of these parties, the American Legion is very thankful to these contributors for this fine donation.

The Christmas party is to take place Friday afternoon, December 21st at the Legion Hall. Committees have been working hard getting the hall in readiness and filling stockings. The first group to be entertained is to be the 3 and 2 year olds from the City of Grayling at 1:30 P. M. At 2:15 children from three years old and children up to and including the 5th grade from Feldhauser, Beaver Creek and South Branch school districts and townships. At 3:00 children from three years old and children up to and including the 5th grade from the Frederic school, Lovells, Maple Forest and Frederic townships. At 3:45, kindergarten, first and second grades from the Grayling school. At 4:30 the third, fourth and fifth grades from the Grayling school.

Because of the full afternoon schedule, it is requested that all children please be on time. A time schedule is also printed on page 8, second section of this paper.

Indies Lose In Overtime

Alfred Hanson's Grayling Independents pushed a Cheboygan independent quintet into an overtime period at the Grayling High School gym last Thursday night before a discouragingly small crowd before being beaten 59 to 55.

Cheboygan boasting one of northern Michigan's top flight independent outfits found themselves pushed to the limit by a fighting, smooth playing Grayling five.

Grayling's second independent team, Bear Archery lost to the Cheboygan Coast Guard by six points in the evening's first game.

The Grayling Indies are meeting a McBain five tonight at Cadillac in an Independent Christmas tournament in that city. If they successfully defeat McBain tonight, they are slated to meet a Traverse City team Friday night.

To Hold Xmas Service In New St. Mary's Church

For years the members of St. Mary's parish have looked forward to and worked toward the building of a new church and school. Their dream has finally come true and the day arrived.

While neither the church or school are entirely completed, the church is finished enough so that midnight mass will be held in the new structure on Christmas eve. The services will start with Christmas carols at eleven thirty. A formal dedication and blessing will take place in the spring when the buildings will be entirely completed.

Lutheran Church Christmas Services

Grayling Lutheran Church will have the following services during the Christmas season:

Sunday, December 23rd: No service but Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. There will be church service at Messiah Lutheran in Roscommon at 11 a. m.

Monday, December 24: Christmas Eve services at 4:30 p. m. in English. A special Christmas of feasting for the church.

Tuesday, December 25: Christmas Morning Service at 11 a. m. Special Christmas offering for the church.

Wednesday, December 26th: Christmas Tree 7:30 p. m. at Dane bod Hall for the Sunday School children and the grown-ups.

ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHAPEL

Services 7:30 P. M. Sunday, December 23rd at the Lutheran Church.

Vicar S. S. Rood. Special Christmas music by Mrs. C. G. Clippert. Public cordially invited.

Teachers Enjoy Christmas Party

Members of the Grayling Schools' faculty and their wives and husbands met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Edson at Lake

WANT ADS

TELEPHONE 3111

RATES—Advertisements in this department cost 35 cents for 25 words or less for each insertion. For more than 25 words one cent a word for each insertion. Rates for display advertising in the classified columns on application. Orders by mail should be accompanied by cash or postage stamps. An extra charge of 10c will be made for blind or charged ads.

The Want Ad Department closes for each week's edition at noon on Tuesday.

HANDSAW FILING—Any kind, also knives, axes, draw knives, planes, shears, chisels or anything you have to sharpen. Ed Bowen, 704-1010. Phone 4341. 7-24 tf

FRANK'S PLUMBING SHOP—8 miles north of Roscommon on old US-27. Free estimates. Plumbing material and fixtures. Goulds pumps. Briggs Beauty Ware. Frank L. Millikin, Route 1, Roscommon, Mich. 6-8tf

CALL M. J. MARSHALL for crane and bulldozer work, concrete pouring, concrete or road gravel, mortar and fill sand. Phone 3861, 405 McClellan, on US-27. 5-10 tf

PROMPT SERVICE on all makes, commercial or domestic refrigeration. Leave orders. E. Lozon, at 704 Spruce St. 6-15 tf

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CHICKENS, DUCKS, GEESE, TURKEYS FOR SALE—Live or dressed. King and Son. Phone 3701. Nov. 15 tf

FOR SALE—Northern Spy apples and fresh cider. King's Orchard, Houghton Lake. Will deliver 6-13-20

BUY THE TRAVEL HOUSE TRAILER for vacation trips or permanent housing, electric refrigerator, water heater, forced hot air heat, apartment gas range. Full bath in 25, 31 and 36 foot models. Enameled aluminum exterior, all models are fully insulated with spun glass and have electric brakes. Special low price on 21 and 25 foot models which are available for immediate delivery. Dyers Trailer Sales, 3 miles from Roscommon at Steckert Bridge. 6-13-20

FOR SALE—4 room home with bath, full basement, 28'x28' corner lot, extra lot included. 300 Park Street. Wm. LaChapelle. 13-20-27

FOR SALE—Parakeets, Canaries, Finches, Parrots, Gold Fish and Puppies with a complete line of supplies for all. Open week days and Sundays. Betty's Pet Shop. Phone 3709, Houghton Lake. 13-20-27

BARGAIN FOR SALE—New 10 foot Kollator Refrigerator, cold clear to the floor. Regularly priced at \$369.95, now \$269.95 and your old refrigerator regardless of condition. Act now this offer good only for a limited time. B-C-D Company, Corner Michigan and Cedar St. Phone 3531. 13-20

FOR SALE—Used electric refrigerators of most all makes. Priced to sell. B-C-D Company, Corner Michigan and Cedar Streets. Phone 3531. 13 tf

FOR SALE—1947 Crosley \$150.00. 1936 Ford \$75.00. Heavy Duty 2 wheel trailer \$45.00. Wes Burgess, Grayling. Phone 4184. 13-20

FOR SALE—For Christmas, baby parakeets, all colors, \$3.00 and \$5.00; also canaries, new and used cages, seeds and supplies. Edna Trudeau, McIntyre's Landing, Lake Margrethe. 13-20

WE WILL PAY \$3 PER THOUSAND for wire hangers returned to our plant, in good condition and tied in bunches of fifty, by anyone in the name of any church group. Grayling Laundry and Dry Cleaners. 13-20

WANTED—100 acres or more of wild land. No buildings necessary. Write file number 14, Arenac Co. Independent, Standish, Mich. 20-27-3-10

FOR SALE—New cement block house, two bedrooms, modern in every respect. Cost \$4,900 to build without labor. Will sell for \$3,100 with terms. Willard Cornell. Phone 2821, 505 Lake St. 20

FOR SALE—Combination wood and coal stove. White enamel finish, in good condition. With oil conversion unit and tank. \$15. Call 3781. 20

FOR SALE—8 inch table saw includes blade guard, miter and gauge combination, blade, belt and pulleys, wood table. \$35. Call 3781. 20

USED MAIL CHAIN SAW FOR SALE—18 inch cutting bar. 906 Smith St. City. 20

FOR SALE—White enamel cooking range. Good grates for coal or wood. Inquire Charles Ward at Timberlands Mill, Grayling. \$20.00. 20

RAILROAD TYPE COAL BURNER FOR SALE—In good condition. Also 100 lb. capacity ice box. Earl Madsen. Phone 4170. 20

For Rent
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For Sale
Wanted to Buy
Miscellaneous

LOST—Billfold containing money and important papers in or near Rialto. Please return to Katrina Bentley. Phone 2821. Reward. 20

PERSONALIZED stationery. Name and address on paper and envelopes. \$1 per box. Avancha Office. 11

FOR SALE—Dry oak wood, all lengths. 7 miles east of Grayling on M-72. Clarence Teels. 20

LOST—Black, part Cocker. Named Blacky. Last seen at the school grounds. Norman Madsen. Phone 3857. 20

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Notice is hereby given that 1941 Pontiac Serial No. P8JB360398 may be inspected at: Welsh Motor Sales, Grayling, Michigan, where it is stored, and that such vehicle will be offered for public sale at said place on Friday, December 28, 1951 at 10:00 A. M., E. S. T. Signed
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Petoskey, Mich.
20-27

Lake Margrethe Home Extension Group

Mrs. Claude Sloan was hostess to the Lake Margrethe Home Extension group for a Christmas party on Wednesday, December 20th. Ten members enjoyed a one o'clock potluck luncheon. After a short business meeting gifts were exchanged.

The next meeting of the group will be at the home of Mrs. Signe Randolph on January 9th.

Christmas Program
M. M. Church

About a hundred and fifty children took part in the annual Christmas program held at Michelson Memorial Church Sunday evening.

The church looked very festive with its glowing Christmas tree. On the windows throughout the church hung large Christmas wreaths. In the urns at the altar there were dark red carnations and in the church parlors were scattered baskets of poinsettias and greens. Christmas was everywhere.

At this time Rev. Puffer in behalf of the church school staff would like to thank every one who helped in any way to make this Christmas program a success. Mrs. Fred Welsh, Sr., was responsible for the main church decorations and the tree was given by her.

The tree for the primary department was given by Mrs. Herbert Olson and the one for the intermediate department by Clarence Roberts. We wish to thank Fred Welsh, Jr., who purchased the candy and had it all packaged for us and the people who so generously contributed the money for the candy and the tree decorations.

The program was in charge of Mrs. Ernest Larson, Mrs. Thomas Haugh, Mrs. Tom Robertson, Mrs. Clarence Roberts and Mrs. Carl E. Johnson. Mrs. Ella Wilcox was the organist and Mrs. June Taylor in charge of the music. The program committee would like to thank the parents who co-operated in such a splendid way to get the youngsters there for rehearsals. We thank you all and wish you a Merry Christmas.

Rev. Puffer and the Church School Staff.

CARD OF THANKS

Following is a note received by Mrs. Glen Fenton from James Nansen, pastor of Tescott, Kansas in regard to the clothing sent to that area by the members of W. S. C. S. of Michelson Memorial Church.

"Dear Friends:

"The boxes came today. Announcement of their arrival will be made in church tomorrow.

"There are so many useful things. We want to thank you on behalf of our people here and wish for all a Merry Christmas and

Happy New Year." Sincerely,
James Nansen,
Pastor, Methodist Church,
Tescott, Kansas.

R. L. D. S. Church News

"The Christmas Family Night" was enjoyed at the Jay O'Dell home last Friday night. Mrs. O'Dell gave the group a warm evening in spite of the zero weather. Games were played, gifts were exchanged and the evening topped with Christmas cookies and ice cream. A "Friendship quilt" was presented to the pastor, Elder Newberry. This quilt was made by Mrs. Carl Olson.

The Priesthood, Elder Roy Newberry, Dan Babbitt, Deacon; and their wives were called to Gaylord last Wednesday night to attend a meeting held at Elder Allen Schreurs. The speaker was Bishop Ted Beck of Lansing, Mich. The purpose of the meeting was to instruct "Leadership" in the "Stewardship" plan of the church.

Elder Roy Newberry of Fredric, pastor, will be heard this week over Station WATC, Gaylord, 9:30 A. M. His theme, "Glad Tidings of Great Joy."

The Woman's department will meet with Mrs. Dan C. Babbitt in her home on December 27th. Potluck luncheon at noon. You ladies are invited to attend.

Our new church school director, Norval Stephan, music director, Mrs. Flora Vandenberg, together with the Church School, are presenting a Tableau, "The Birth of The Christ Child" to be given Sunday night at 7:30, at the church. We invite you to come and worship this event with us.

Our Junior Choir is to be proud with the service they give to the worship services of Church and church school.

Several of our members are sick at this time. We do hope they will be out, ready for the Christmas tree.

Our "Fellowship" night, which is on Wednesday each week, will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norval Stephan, time 8 P. M. We

have discontinued the church meetings due to cold weather. Come and worship with us.

Maple Forest

The Community Christmas program and party will be held on Saturday night, December 22nd at 9 P. M. We hope that everyone will turn out and enter into the true Christmas spirit. Come and bring your friends. Potluck lunch following the program.

The T. N. T. Club are planning a holiday dance for Saturday, December 29th. Lets see if we can't have more of the neighborhood and friends out for this party. This youth club needs the attendance of the community to help keep it going.

Home Ex. Club met at the home of Mrs. Arthur Howse last Tuesday afternoon. Election of officers was held for 1952 as follows: Leaders, Mrs. Archie Howse and Mrs. Pearl Babbitt; vice chairman, Mrs. D. Redman; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Ted Baynham; recreational leader, Dora Feldhauser; community chairman, Bessie Feldhauser. The next meeting will be at Mrs. Arno Plagens on Tuesday, January 3.

Celebrating the birthday of Mrs. Edna Wilcox, 30 friends and relatives met at her home on Friday evening. Herbert Wilcox, Jim Barkley and Ben Bouhuus of Grand Rapids attended the party.

The participants in the Community are meeting to practice their play for Saturday evening. They met Sunday afternoon and Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Redman.

Mary and Benny spent the week end with relatives in Petoskey. Ernest Lozon and Edmund Howse each took a load of Christmas trees to southern cities last week. Mrs. Clyde Smith was ill and left school at noon Monday.



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We will close at 6:30 P. M. Christmas Eve and will remain closed Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday. We will reopen for business at 9 A. M. Friday, December 28.

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Frying Chickens Pan Ready Rocks lb. 57c

Fresh, Tender
PASCAL CELERY
Jumbo Stalk 29c

Squash Ripe, Hubbard & Buttercup lb. 5c

Apples Large, Fancy, Michigan Delicious 2 lbs. 29c

Cranberries Fancy, Cape Cod, Late Harvest lb. 29c

Walnut Meats Excel Brand 12-oz. pkg. 79c

Pecan Meats Excel Brand 6-oz. pkg. 39c

Grapes Fancy, Red Emperor 2 lbs. 29c

Oranges Juicy, Florida 8 lb. bag 49c

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Grayling, Michigan, Thursday, December 20, 1951

No Exception

The New York Times recently carried a significant news story from Washington. It dealt with the fact that an increasing number of officials of the Office of Price Stabilization were refusing to talk with newspapermen for fear of isolating agency policy.

An order was recently issued warning OPS employees against discussing agency actions "which have not received final approval." This, newspapermen contended in a meeting with the head of OPS' Information Division, would tend to intimidate subordinates officials who meet the press and so would amount to an imposition of censorship.

Regardless of what OPS policy may be in the future, here is one more ominous example of how government bureaus tend to become more and more dictatorial—and more and more zealous in attempting to keep facts hidden from the people. OPS actions and orders directly affect every producer, every distributor and every consumer in the country. OPS deals with matters which are extremely controversial and which should always be watched closely by the public. And when OPS puts into effect a "shut up" policy it savors too closely of the gag methods which are part and parcel of police states.

As a matter of fact, OPS has become more and more arbitrary all along the line. It has laid down pricing policies affecting retailing which, in time, could not help but undermine and disrupt this industry which has done so much to make possible our high standards of living. It has issued orders affecting any number of businesses which, in the view of experts are dangerous and unworkable.

Bureaucrats always want more power—and bureaucrats always hate criticism. They want their way at all costs, regardless of the effect on the nation. If censorship seems expedient, they try to put it into effect. OPS is no exception to the rule.

JOY TO THE (BATTERED OLD) WORLD!

Interesting Events In
Grayling 23 Years AgoINTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE
FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

December 20, 1928

Miss Hetty Balhoff, daughter of Mrs. Rose Balhoff former Grayling residents lost her life in a traffic accident in Saginaw. Friday morning.

Seven million brook trout eggs and 250,000 brown trout eggs were taken at Grayling hatchery this fall and are now hatching. This is the largest number of brook trout eggs ever taken in a Michigan hatchery and is a fine achievement on the part of Supt. Zalsman and his associates.

Township Treasurer Alfred Hanson made a bargain with his wife that promises to be rather expensive according to reports. Mrs. Hanson was offered half the commission on all taxes collected before Christmas as her Christmas present. He little realized what a hustler his wife is and now in stead of waiting until after Christmas most of the largest tax payers are paying up before and more are coming every day.

Arios Hunter, who has been employed in Flint has arrived home to spend the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hunter.

Miss Helen Schumann underwent an operation for removal of tonsils at Mercy Hospital, Tuesday.

Looks like winter sports about next week. The toboggan slide will be ready if weather continues to be cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank X. Tetu are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son, Frank X. III, born Monday, December 17 at Grayling Mercy Hospital.

Supt. and Mrs. R. M. Bogue were in Tawas City over the week end.

Earl Spencer has arrived from Detroit to make his home for the winter with his sister, Mrs. Mae Dixon. She expects her father, William Spencer to come from Detroit soon to make his home here indefinitely.

The State Police stationed on M 78 near West Branch during the hunting season report that 1,500 deer were transported by autos past their station. They also had

a record of fourteen moose, twenty-two bear, six coyotes, two foxes and two wild cats.

Wesley LaGrow is home from Pontiac to remain until after the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex LaGrow.

Mrs. Clarence Stillwagon of Lewiston has moved to Lovells for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nephew gave a party for their daughter, Cora, who was a bride last week.

George Young and family of Lovells have moved to Grayling.

Mrs. Henry Kenney is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Stuart in Lovells.

45 Years Ago—December 21, 1905

Dr. Insley is prepared for any storms that may come with a modern covered cutter with a storm front. It is a dandy.

Ben Jerome is home from the Agricultural College for the holiday vacation. He is always welcomed by our young people.

Frank Nichols has hulled 298 bushels of prime clover seed, worth about \$2,700, with his new clover huller. Not a bad starter on these "worthless" plains.

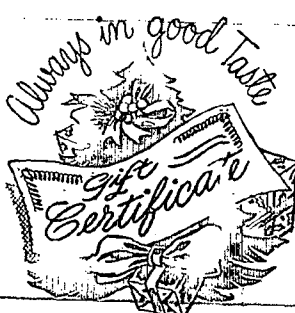
A. E. Hendrickson, the tailor, has moved his shop to his residence on the South Side.

Grayling lost one of her pioneers yesterday, when Mrs. Jeanette Woodworth went to Savannah, N. Y.

A surprise is given our people this week by the announcement that Rev. H. A. Sheldon is about to leave us and in a few days will remove to Davenport, Washington.

CARD OF THANKS

We received so many symbols of sympathy from Grayling friends at the passing of our beloved one, that we take this way of extending our sincere thanks to those who were so kind. Also for the many cards and letters that were sent to her during her illness. Ervin Sampel and children, Mr. and Mrs. David Montour, and daughters.

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Holyday Masses 8:00 - 8:00
Weekday Mass - 7:30.

MICHELSON MEMORIAL
CHURCH

Pastor—Rev. R. C. Puffer
Church School 9:45 A. M.
Divine Worship: 11:00 A. M.
Youth Fellowship: 7:00 P. M.
Intermediate Youth Fellowship
at 5.

FREDERIC BIBLE CHURCH

Pastor, Rev. Lucian Hall
10:00 A. M.—Sunday School.
11:00 A. M.—Church Services.
7:30 P. M.—Evening Services.
7:30 P. M., Wednesday—Prayer
Meeting.

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Pastor Donald J. Cleveland
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Sunday School 9:45 A. M.
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Youth Fellowship 7:00 P. M.
Evening Service 7:30 P. M.
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service 1:15 P. M. Rev. Donald
Cleveland of Grayling in
charge.

North Branch Bible Church
Sunday School 10:30 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:30 A. M.
Evening Service 8:00 P. M.
Wednesday Prayer meeting 8 P. M.
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Pastor, Roy Papenfus

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Worship service 11 A. M.
Sunday School 9:45 A. M.

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Sunday School 10:30 A. M.

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10:00 A. M.—Sunday School.
8:00 P. M.—Young People.
Tuesday.
7:30 P. M.—Evening Worship.
Mid-week Services
8:00 P. M.—Prayer and Every-
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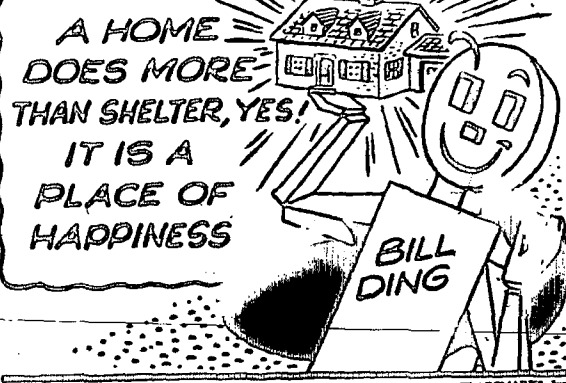


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Bits O' Talk

Marlene Jensen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jensen of Hartwick Pines, student at Northeastern School of Commerce, Bay City, plans on spending Christmas vacation with her parents.

Alvin Kolka son of Joseph Kolka, Grayling, Michigan, student at Northeastern School of Commerce, Bay City, plans on spending Christmas vacation at home and in Detroit.

Patricia Stephan, daughter of



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HELEN & VAN SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. Norval Stephan, student at Northeastern School of Commerce, Bay City, plans on spending Christmas vacation at her home here. The holiday vacation starts Friday, December 21, and the students will report back to classes Monday, January 7, 1952. It is required that each student at Northeastern participate in some extra curricular activity. During the past term Pat has been active in Girls Chorus.

Mrs. Floyd Wylie spent several days in Rochester, Michigan last week visiting Mr. Wylie.

Mrs. Keith Sorenson is the new nurse at the Doctors Keyport, Clippert and Henig Clinic to take the place of Miss Joyce Moore who has gone to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strong attended the football banquet held in Roscommon last Thursday evening as the guests of the Roscommon Herald News publishers. The event, given by the Chamber of Commerce, was in honor of the Gerrish Higgins High School football team who were undefeated in the past grid season. A fine program was presented, a special treat being an excellent talk by Wally Weber of the University of Michigan coaching staff. Other guests of the Herald News publishers were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marshall of the Ogemaw County Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Ray Snider are spending some time in Lake Placid, Florida.

P. T. A. NEWS

The regular meeting of the Parent Teachers Association was held at the school house on Wednesday of last week.

The first part of the program consisted of a play and several musical numbers presented by pupils of Mrs. Klein's sixth grade class. Those taking part were Judy Larson, Sherry Gowing, Richard Davis, Donald Roberts, Frances Akers, Larry Yoder, Julie Hunter, Peggy Benware, Georgia Luckstead, Wayne Ingalls, Judy Weaver, Richard Moore, Judy Kenyon, Clare Madsen, Jr., and Mary Ann Cinciala. They sang "Partridge in a Pear Tree," "Angels We Have Heard On High," "Deck the Halls" and the audience joined with them in singing "Silent Night." The singing was led by Frances Akers.

Two concert solos were rendered, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" by Don Roberts and "White Christmas" by Judy Kenyon. Julie Hunter and Sherry Gowing sang, "Frosty the Snowman." Judy Larson was the piano accompanist.

Needless to say the sixth grade won the room contest with twenty-nine parents present.

Refreshments were served following the program by Mrs. Erwin Wales, chairman, and Mrs. Don Akers, Mrs. Fred Lamm and Mrs. Dan Babbitt.

A nominating committee was appointed, namely Ernest Larson, chairman, Mrs. Emil Giegling, and Mrs. Clarence Gruss.

Dr. B. Elmore Henig is to be the speaker at the January meeting.

His topic will be "Narcotics." He will also show movies on the subject.

State's Oil Industry Watches Otsego Field

The State's oil industry is eyeing developments in Chester Township, Otsego County, 18 miles southeast of Gaylord where the Brazos Oil Company, a subsidiary of the Dow Chemical Company brought in an oil well at 6,700 feet early this month.

The strike was made not too far above the Crawford-Otsego county line and the initial flow was estimated at 15 barrels of oil and gas per day. It gushed oil and gas a hundred feet into the air when "pay dirt" was reached.

Drillers at the well stated that the oil was of good quality. It was the first producing well brought in, in more than a year's operations in the county. A previous attempt west of Gaylord resulted in a dry hole.

Although it was the first oil well in Otsego County, a previous gas strike in the county near Otsego Lake has been utilized for some time by a Gaylord manufacturer.

This week officials of the Brazos company were assaying the well's potentiality.

Lake Margrethe Water Levels

(Information furnished by U. S. Geological Survey)

Period of record Nov. 12, 1942 to date:

Water level, Dec. 13, 1951 1134.20 ft

Water level, Dec. 13, 1950 1134.19 ft

Maximum level for period of record, April 5, 1943 1135.39 ft

Minimum level for period of record, Sept. 24-27, 1948, 1133.57 ft

Water level, Sept. 24-27, 1948, 1133.57 ft



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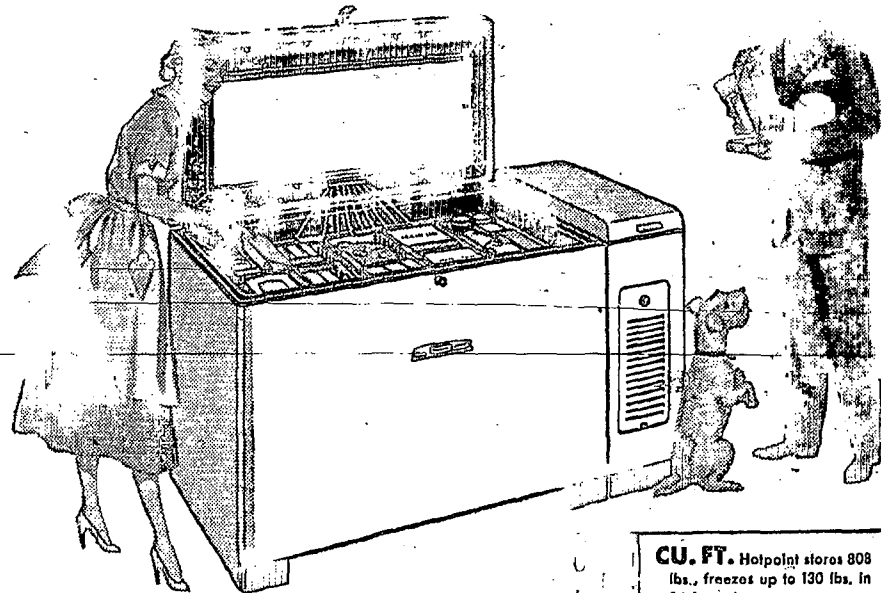


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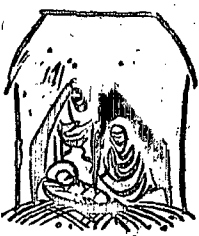
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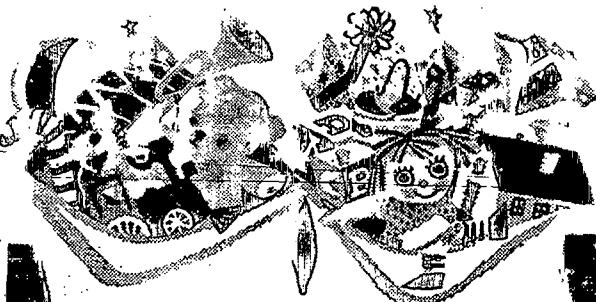
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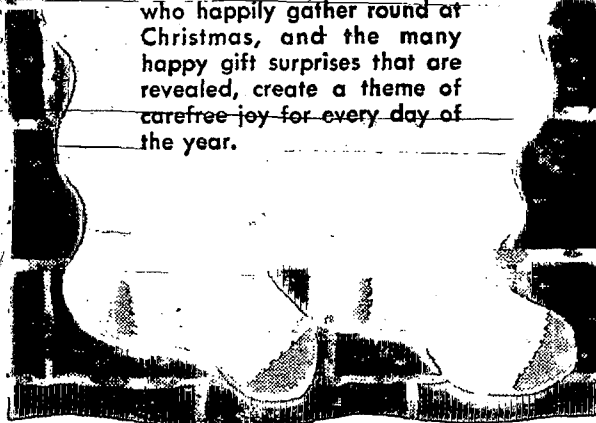
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CHRISTMAS WEDDING

By Maud McCurdy Welch

JEAN KNEW that Hawkeye, the
store detective, was keeping his
eyes on Jimmy, and she couldn't
help feeling worried.

Jean and Jimmy were engaged.
They were going to be married as
soon as Jimmy got a raise. They
both worked in the Mammoth Store
and were saving everything they
could to buy furniture for their
future home.

Hawkeye was exactly like the de-
tectives made famous by the
movies. Hard, gimlet eyes, black
clothes, derby tilted on his head.
It was his boast that nobody ever
got by with stealing in this store.
It was this boast that had given
him the nickname of Hawkeye.

But why, oh, why should he sus-
pect Jimmy of doing anything
wrong? It was true his salary was
small, but he would be promoted
soon, Jean was sure of that.

Jean had had a wistful hope that
they might have a Christmas wed-
ding, but Jimmy's raise hadn't
come through. In the meantime,
they were carefully budgeting their
combined salaries and had bought
an expensive piece of electrical
equipment for their home. That had
been a thrill.

They were married Jimmy
Jean shouldn't



Old Hawkeye had seen her
hand Jimmy a long flat pack-
age one day.

work Jimmy himself had been
brought up in a wonderful home,
with many advantages, but it had
all been lost. Jean had come up the
hard way. She'd been orphaned and
had gone to work at fifteen.

But they were getting along fine
now and had wonderful hopes of
soon really belonging to each
other. Jimmy's salary as head of
the notion department in the base-
ment wasn't large, but Jean knew
he'd get a better one soon.

Business was brisk and steady
since it was now the week before
Christmas Day. Jean and Jimmy
walked home together when the
store closed, as they usually did,
almost too tired for a movie or a
walk along the river. They didn't
allow themselves many pleasures
and sometimes were so tired, they
just said goodnight at the door of
Jean's rooming house. Jimmy lived
a number of blocks further down
the street.

But they'd always have a little
time together when the store
closed. Once every week Jean
would say, "Did you bring your
bundle?" And Jimmy would say
he simply couldn't. But Jean would
laugh at him teasingly. "Honestly,
Jimmy, I want to do it for you,"
and at last he'd give in.

JEAN HADN'T the slightest idea
that old Hawkeye had seen her
hand Jimmy a long, flat package
one day when he'd been working
late in the stock-room. She'd done



"Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh!" There
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1/2 cup raisins
1 1/2 cups sifted flour
1 1/2 teaspoons double-acting
baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt

Cover currants and raisins with
cold water. Bring to a boil and
simmer 5 minutes. Drain and
keep covered. Sift flour once,
measure, add baking powder and
salt and sift again. Cream short-
ening and butter, add sugar grad-
ually and cream together until
light and fluffy. Add egg and beat
thoroughly; then add vanilla. Add

1/2 cup shortening and
1/2 cup butter
1 cup sugar
1 egg, unbeaten
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup shredded coconut

half of flour and mix well. Then
add hot fruit mixture and remain-
ing flour, stirring thoroughly after
each addition. Add coconut. Chill
about 1 hour. Drop from teaspoon
on ungreased baking sheet. Bake
in hot oven (425° F.) 10 to 12
minutes, or until done. Makes 6
dozen cookies.

this before since it was the most
convenient way. And Hawkeye was
always snooping around. He'd even
overheard Jean and Jimmy talking
one day. Jean was saying, "You
must bring the things to me. It's
helping us to get ahead. And no-
body will ever know."

Jimmy had said, "But, honey,
it's not right."

Jean had laughed. "I only do it
because I love you. You know
that."

Jimmy's voice was husky with
love. "You're so sweet, Jean. I
believe you'd do anything for me."
And all the time Hawkeye was
keeping his gimlet eyes on
Jimmy. But Jean knew he hadn't
done anything wrong.

And then the next time Jean
handed Jimmy the long flatish
package (Jimmy was working late
that night again), they both felt
a heavy hand on their shoulders.
Hawkeye said, "You two kids come
with me."

He took them to Mr. Purvis, the
store owner. "It's a clean case,
boss," Hawkeye opened the pack-
age. "Ha, shirts. Just what I
thought. She steals them for him."
Mr. Purvis said tiredly, "They're
not new. They're freshly laun-
dered."

Jimmy's face was crimson, but
Jean said proudly, "We're engaged,
Mr. Purvis, and Jimmy has to
have so many clean shirts. It's so
dusty in the basement, so I
launder them for him."

Well, it was a clean case at that,
and what was more Jimmy received
his promotion right then and there,
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days off, so they had a Christmas
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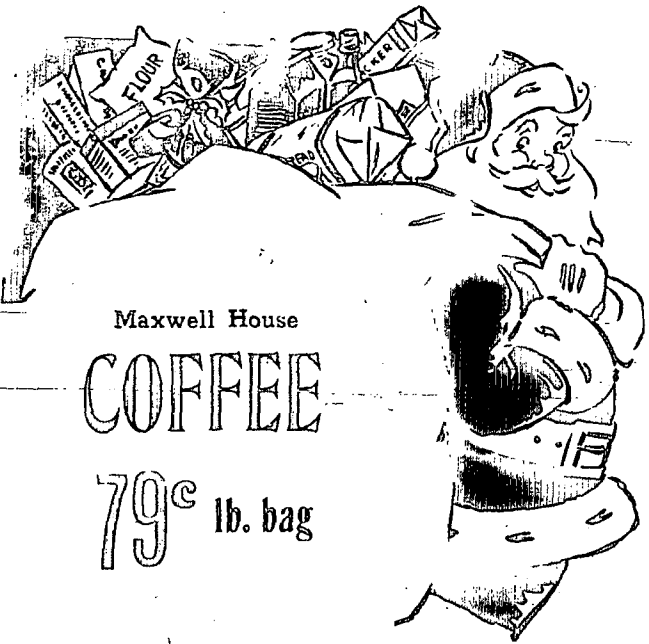
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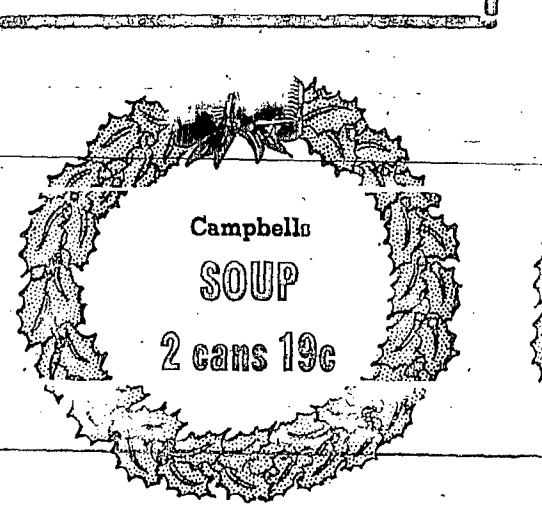
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By Shirley Sargent

HARLEY DAVIS was always wanting something. He knew Christmas was only two weeks off, but he just itched to buy a gondola car for his electric train. One day he ditched his little sister, Charlene, and hurried down town. He spent his entire monthly allowance and all his savings for a blue gondola car. Harley hoped his mother wouldn't be angry because he had been gone all afternoon. He hoped.

Contrary to his expectations, Mrs. Davis was jovial, teasing him, and even, to his immense relief, keeping Charlene away from his package. Charlene was five and a pest to Harley, because he was nine and grown up. Helping mother with the dishes that night was almost fun, Harley thought; she was so friendly and nice. Then it happened.

"Harley," his mother said tenderly, "Don't tell me what you bought unless you want to, but what did you get for Charlene?"

Harley was stunned. He wished she wouldn't smile at him—couldn't she see he was trying to think? "Nothing, mom," he stammered. "I bought a gondola car."

"Oh," she wiped a plate slowly. "I thought you had been Christmas shopping."



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"I guess I spent all my money; I guess I sort of forgot about Christmas presents," Harley hung his head.

"Yes, I guess you did," she answered and that was all she said about it, but he felt terrible. He didn't even unwrap his new car.

Gee, he'd really pulled a dumb trick this time, Harley thought miserably. He'd always bought them presents, but he'd completely forgotten it. Well, he'd have to earn some money; even his piggy bank was empty. He earned a quarter the next morning shoveling snow, but he had to take care of Charlene most of the time.

HE TRIED to get a job the next day, with no luck, and when he found a dime in the snow Charlene grabbed it, yelling "Finders keepers . . ." He was so furious, he felt like choking her. Instead he made her a big snow house on the sidewalk, right in everybody's way, but people didn't seem to mind. Then the apartment lady with her little girls stopped to admire it.

"How old are you, Harley?" she asked.

"Nine," he said proudly.

"I wonder," she smiled, "I wonder if you could take care of my little girls this afternoon?"

Harley started to tell her gosh no, but she interrupted, saying she'd pay him 25c an hour. Harley was so surprised he leaned against the snow house, knocking part of it down. "Why sure, I'd be glad to," he said.

Harley worked hard that afternoon, doing everything three little girls could think of and he could build. Once in a while the lady would wave to him from the apartment window, but he was usually

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too busy to look up. She paid him a whole dollar and asked if he would take care of the children again the next day. Harley, tired as he was, managed to say "Yes." His mother teased him about being a baby sitter, and was he going to charge her for taking care of Charlene? Harley didn't mind; after all he had a cash capital of \$1.25.

Although it rained the following day, Harley earned another dollar taking care of the little girls in the apartment.

That afternoon, with his mother's blessing, he went Christmas shopping. He felt proud to pay for the presents with money he had earned. He had the packages gift-wrapped and put them under the tree without telling his mother what he had gotten.

Christmas morning the floor was littered with gay papers, children's toys and Harley's electric train. He opened the box and put the gondola on the track. It looked keen.

Then mother handed him another package. "I bought you a gondola car a long time ago," she explained, "But of course I had to return it. I think you've earned this, though."

Harley grinned at his mother as he peeled the paper off. He knew what she meant. "A tank car!" he shouted, "Gee, mom, just what I need."



IT'S LITTLE WONDER that Saint Nick is especially generous to the American people. History proves that the Americans have done a lot for Saint Nick!

They have given him a new name, a new face and figure, and a new means of transportation.

The original European version of Saint Nick pictured him as a tall angular man who rode on a bony gray mare. Both the horse and Saint Nick looked as if they hadn't had a good meal in some time.

The early English settlers in this country started giving Saint Nicholas his "New Look." The English children adopted the legendary Christmas figure from the Dutch, but the English children had trouble pronouncing "Saint Nickolous." Somehow the name changed to "Santa Kalouf," and finally it was corrupted to "Santa Claus."

However, this was only the beginning. In 1809 Washington Irving, in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," wrote of the Saint as the guardian of New York City. Irving described Saint Nick as a jolly fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches. He taught Saint Nick to smoke a long pipe, and, in the story, replaced his shuffling hay-burner with a trim wagon.

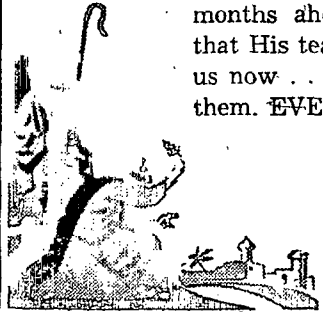
A short time later, Saint Nicholas' transportation was aided by Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit from Saint Nicholas," written in 1823. Moore, a professor of divinity in a New York theological seminary, gave Saint Nick a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry, and a round little belly.

Today's Santa Claus is by no means streamlined, but he is a far cry from the lean, ascetic, somberly dressed fellow who, for centuries, on Christmas Eve, guided his mare through the streets of Europe.

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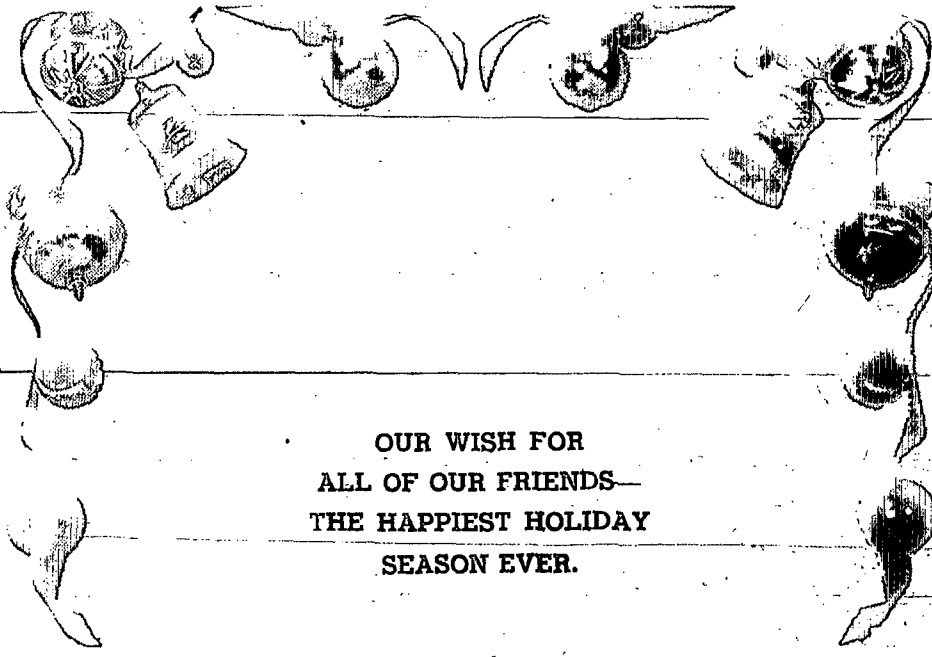
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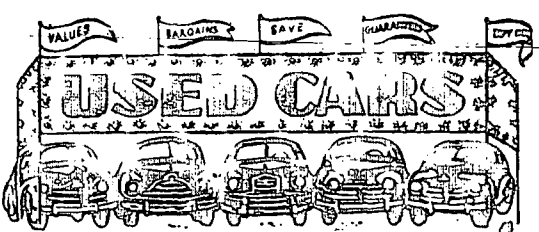
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3:45 P. M.

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fense traffic — better protection for the Soo; stimulate more tourist trade and make the UP more attractive for deer hunting and sports.

The structure, as now planned, would have two lanes of traffic each way, separated by a low curb, and could handle 1,500 automobiles an hour. Visitors to the UP in rush seasons now wait for as long as 14 hours for the ferries.

Dr. Eugene C. Koyes swears he has been cured of politics. Speaking to a Detroit columnist, the former lieutenant governor said self cure is possible in political addiction. "I was the victim of such an obsession myself," he said. "I couldn't stay out of a political meeting." But he adds, "I'll be on the sidelines while the Dirksens and Tafts and the MacCarthys and the Brickers march by this year under the Republican flag."

The doctor-lawyer-dentist says the Republican party is open only to those who carry checkbooks and take orders. "I know I won't fit in as long as independence and progressive ideas are barred."

He admits a well-meaning public helped his cure along. He ran third in a field of five in the 1930 G. O. P. primary.

At the same time there is some stamping about in the bullrushes for the return of Frank D. McKay to G. O. P. party leadership in Michigan. The Grand Rapids politico retired after a 10-year battle in the 1944 G. O. P. convention in Chicago.

But his enemies are dug in well behind a bulwark of "morality in government" and the old McKay machine just ain't what it used to be. A vote in the hands worth two in the bullrushes.

A few state agencies, bird-dogging through recommendations of the "little Hoover" commission, have found little chance for economy, but admit more efficiency might be more evident.

The social welfare department is in a sweat. "There was a time when the future was more uncertain," says W. J. Maxey, director. Increased inflation and growing unemployment in industrial areas could make public assistance soar in cost. A deficit of some \$1,000,000 for public assistance grants is in sight for the current fiscal year.

Meanwhile Sen. Blair Moody (D-Mich.) says he will attempt to boost jobless benefits for workers idled by conversion to defense production. He promises to introduce a bill in Congress which would jump the average benefit paid to between \$55 and \$60 a week. Current benefits run from \$27 per week to \$35 for a worker with four children.

The UAW-CIO has laid down the law to its members in regard to racketeering. It has ordered its 1,000 locals to pass the word that workers fired for participating in gambling and plant rackets would not be protected.

Michigan ranked 12th in the nation in per-capita income last year. Figures for this state were \$1,563 per person, compared with the national average of \$1,436. The findings also show that Michigan is the most highly industrialized state.

Some five per cent of the state's work force is now idle—an estimated army of some 143,000 workers. This may go higher in the spring. The governor traces part of the wave of unemployment is due to the slowness of some plants to convert from civilian to defense production.

The state department of public instruction, concerned over the number of teenagers dropping out of school, has ordered survey of the problem. It hopes to find some way to make attendance more attractive.

The department also has told 2,250 school districts to reduce applications for federal aid for school lunches by one cent a meal beginning Jan. 1.



To all, on this glorious day, whether you are near or far, we wish the most sincere greetings for a most blessed Christmas.

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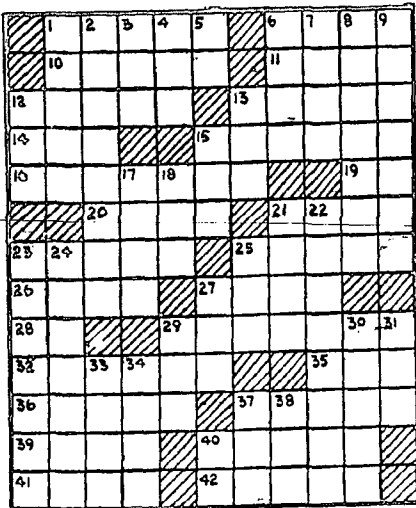
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ANSWER

ACROSS

1. A food
2. Conducts
3. A thick soup
4. On top
5. Inner courtyard
6. Boring tool
7. Biblical lion
8. Specimen
9. Web-footed, flightless bird
10. Half an cm
11. Organs of hearing
12. Fairy (Mab)
13. Paradox
14. Gloom
15. A depression (Anat.)
16. Ringlet
17. Push with the head
18. Registered nurse (abbr.)
19. Cardinal number
20. Marbles
21. Hewing tool
22. A pacing horse
23. A former Russian leader
24. Sea eagle
25. Floating masses of ice
26. Colors, as fabric
27. A heron
28. Extra

DOWN

1. One who mutinies
2. Silkworm
3. Sign of the zodiac (zodiac)
4. Telurium
5. Pasosailing boat
6. Aulant
7. Tumbler pigeon
8. Round, pad-like borders (Anat.)
9. Invalid's food
10. City (N. Palentino)
11. Little girl
12. One of Celtic people
13. Receptacle for coffee
14. Body of water
15. To alienate
16. Grated harshly
17. Republic (C. Eur.)
18. Merriment
19. Public vehicle
20. Feminine pronoun
21. Lair
22. Skin
23. Skin
24. Elevations (golf)
25. A support
26. Blunder
27. Exist

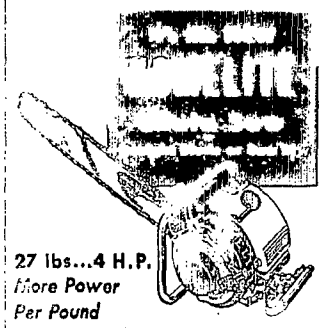
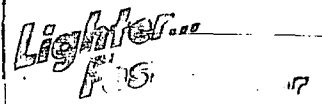


been harder to get in recent years, with consequent higher prices demanded. Cutters have been going deeper into swamps and other northern interiors to get them. However, more and more plantation grown stock is coming to market as the result of the great interest in Yule tree growing which started 10 years ago. Department policy is not to compete with Christmas tree growers and sellers. The department's forestry division does lend a hand in offering growers some plantation stock at cost. The thought being that a commercial crop might be produced on otherwise wasteland. Planting also would provide ground cover and prevent erosion. Among other young trees distributed by the department this year were 300,000 Scotch pine seedlings, a good portion of which will be used to grow tree stock for future Christmas holidays.



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STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.
At a session of said Court held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in said County on the 3rd day of December, 1951.
Present, Hon. Ray F. Clement, Judge of Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of Marguerite Peterson, deceased.
It appearing to the Court that the time for presentation of the claims against said estate should be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said Court.
It is Ordered, that creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said Court at said Probate Office on or before the 16th day of February, 1952 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, said time and place being hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased.
It is Further Ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once in each week for three weeks consecutively, previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.
Ray F. Clement,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy
Ray F. Clement,
Judge of Probate. 13-20-27-3

State Provides Million And Half Trees

Around a million and a half trees are leaving wintry plantations and private forest homes to be robed in seasonal Christmas feasts in living rooms, front yards, store windows and along town streets.
Michigan families setting up tree will be following a custom first observed in America by lonesome Hessian mercenaries during the Revolutionary War.
The Michigan-grown Yule tree will be the center of holiday attention in some out-of-state homes and a few trees will be imported into Michigan, according to the Conservation Department.
While needles do not shed as quickly on pines, and the demand for these species is growing, the usually better shaped and more fragrant balsam is the most popular family tree. Next in preference normally are the white and black spruces, followed by the Norway spruce, Douglas fir and the Scotch, red and jack pines.
Department suggestion to the Christmas tree buyer is to get a freshly cut tree make a new diagonal cut on the butt end, and immediately set up the stem in water. Many tree holders have built in water cups. Do not "store" a tree inside the house or set up close to a heating outlet. With proper care the fire hazard will be minimized and the tree should not shed needles for a week to ten days.
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St. Francis of Assisi is believed to have originated the custom of displaying the Christ Child in a crib at Christmas time.
He is reported once to have said to one of his followers: "I wish to celebrate holy Christmas night with you. In the woods near the cloister you will find a cave where we shall arrange a manger filled with hay. We shall have an ox and an ass just as at Bethlehem. I wish to see how poor and miserable the Infant Saviour became for us."
So at midnight, in the small Italian village of Garcia, in the year 1200, St. Francis and his followers celebrated mass at the cave and sang hymns in honor of the Christ Child.



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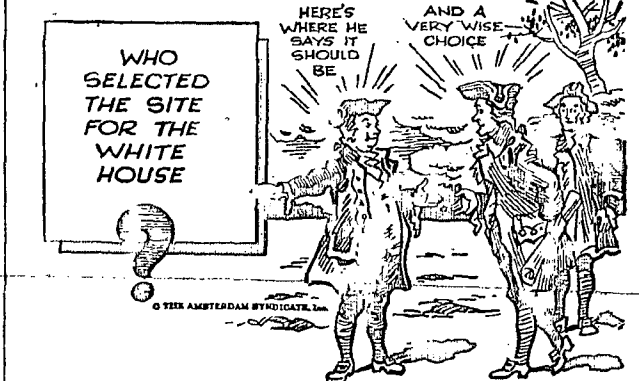
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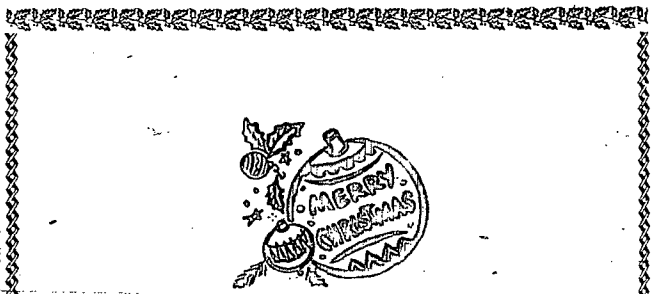


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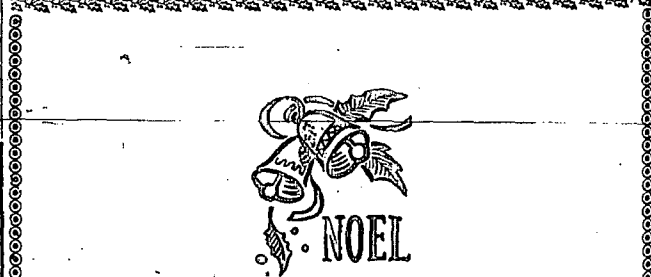
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Bits O' Talk

John Bruun spent several days the first of the week in Lansing and Detroit on business.

Miss Anna Nielsen of Grand Rapids plans to arrive tomorrow to spend a week with her mother, Mrs. Julius Nielsen and sisters, Margrethe and Olga.

Dick Rasmussen is home from Michigan State College to spend

the holidays with his parents, the Harold Rasmussens.

Bake sale, Sat., Peterson Hdw, also aprons, by Altar Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fenton and family plan to spend Christmas visiting Mrs. Fenton's mother, Mrs. Charles Fyvie and sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Goldthorpe in McMillan, Mich.

Cpl. Mary Gierke is enjoying a fifteen day furlough with her mother, Mrs. Lloyd Gierke and other relatives. Mary is stationed at Baltimore, Maryland.

Christmas in Chicago with Mrs. Long's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cady.

Mrs. Carl Richardson was hostess to the Tuesday Bridge Club last week. Mrs. Don Gothro held high score and Mrs. Dale Petten-gill second high. Mrs. Alfred Sorenson was a guest.

Mrs. Julia Waldron and son, Christopher of Midland spent the week end visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bear. The Bears have moved into the former Laage residence.

Make Xmas dinner reservations now. Jerries Ranch.

Mrs. Esbern Hanson received the sad news Friday of the sudden death of her brother, John Schaefer in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He had visited her here years ago and made many acquaintances.

Miss Christine Sales and Miss Barbara Nelson are home from M. S. C. to enjoy the holidays with their respective parents.

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Cook and son, Johnny, returned home from Calumet on Thursday, where they were called to attend the funeral of Mrs. Cook's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bernard and family of Pt. Huron are expected Sunday to spend Christmas with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. A. VanVleck at Lake Marghethe.

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Members of the Grayling Council Knights of Columbus joined with the Roscommon members in the first of a series of Communion breakfasts. The members attended eight o'clock Mass in Roscommon and received communion in a body after which the Altar Society of St. Michael's Church in Roscommon served breakfast.

Information has been received here that the Max Laages of Maitland, Florida, are flying to Farmington to spend the holidays with their family. All will be present but daughters, Arlene and Bertha. Arlene and husband are spending the holidays with his parents at Fort Pierce and Bertha and husband, Elmer Carlson expect her parents to their home in Roscommon on Christmas Day.

The Laages will then continue on to Grayling to visit friends. They have purchased a large lot in Maitland and have moved their trailer on to it. They expect to cultivate a large garden plot on the new land.

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Dr. and Mrs. P. E. Bethards are enjoying a stay in Honolulu, Hawaii, after attending the American Medical Association convention in Los Angeles.

Larry McNamara has the following new address: Larry F. McNamara, Class 13, Co. B, Sec. 1, Field Medical Service School, Montford Point, Camp LeJeune, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Huntington left for their home in Eaton Rapids Tuesday morning after spending several days with their daughter and family, the Bill Josephs.

Mrs. Charles Moshier was the lucky winner of the candy house given away by the Woman's Club.

There will be no service at the Mt. Hope Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long and daughter, Caroline, plan to spend

the holidays with his parents, the Harold Rasmussens.

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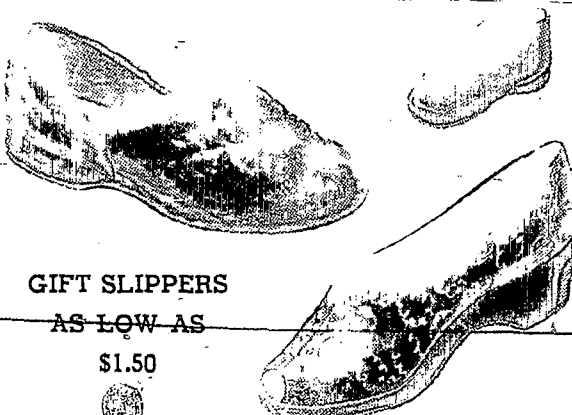
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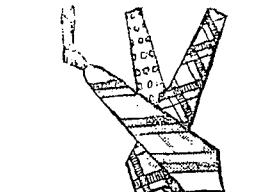
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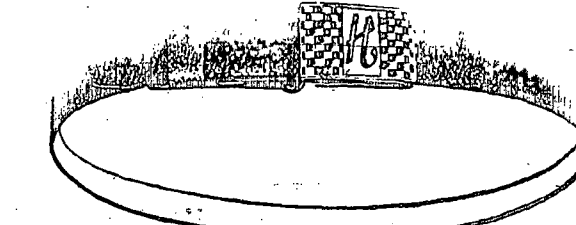
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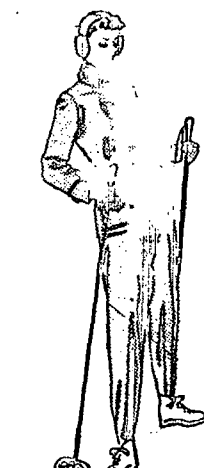
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CHRISTMAS



INTERWOVEN

COUNTY NEWS

Al Madill and wife made a business trip to Saginaw, Wednesday.

afternoon returning home Thursday. Mrs. B. Tobin gave her Sunday school class a nice party at her

home Sunday. A very nice luncheon was served. Games were played. The children and mothers all received nice gifts and each one really enjoyed the party. That was lovely of you Beatrice. Pete Weaver, being discharged

from the Army, is now home. Hans Jungman is home from his work on the lakes and they are both thankful to be home.

Ed Jungman came from Detroit Saturday by Greyhound to meet his wife and the new son at Frederic. They returned home Monday afternoon.

Barney's Shuffleboard team played Hinkle's Friday night the latter winning. If you want your home well wired call Jack Bigham, Sr. He is now wiring the Charron house in Frederic.

Jerry Welch of Frederic beat the High School record at basketball, which had been held by Bill Tobin at 32 points. Jerry made 41. They won their game Friday

night before a nice audience. Junior High lost.

Pete Johnson returned home Friday night from Gaylord, where he has been employed and took part in the Shuffleboard game.

Russel Nummer from St. Louis Nursery made a trip to Pigeon Friday and visited the Lances at Frederic before returning home with a load of Christmas trees.

Allen Leng made a trip to Detroit Wednesday, driving home a new Dodge.

Lovells News

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Mumrow

SO THAT OUR EMPLOYEES MAY ENJOY A LONG CHRISTMAS WEEKEND, WE WILL BE CLOSED SUNDAY, MONDAY AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 24 and 25.

ALL OF US WISH THAT CHRISTMAS FOR YOU WILL BE A JOYOUS ONE.

Grayling Laundry & Dry Cleaners

were callers this week in Lovells.

Don Lebzelter of West Branch together with a few friends enjoyed a day of rabbit hunting around Lovells this last week.

Mrs. Edith Hartman and Mrs. Harriet Steckling went shopping in Grayling last week Tuesday. Just try this job trying to finish up the deal.

Several members of the Cheerful Givers Club met last Wednesday evening with Mrs. C. Stillwagon for their regular meeting. Christmas gifts were wrapped for the Community tree, then a short business meeting was held after which all enjoyed a nice lunch together. Their next meeting will be held at Mrs. Hartman's, the evening. Two birthdays will be honored, Mrs. Ruth Caldwell and Mrs. Gertrude Gays.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Harwood of Bay City have been enjoying a weeks vacation in Lovells and will return home on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moore of Wolverine were Sunday guests of the Ed Calds.

We are all glad to know Granddad Moore has been able to return to his home after quite a serious illness at his daughters in Gaylord.

The annual Christmas party will be held Saturday evening with a program by the Sunday school children at 8 P. M., after which they will receive gifts from the Christmas tree followed by a treat from the Cheerful Givers Club at their club room. Due to the fact that the new Town Hall

is not equipped in a necessary manner they had to dispense with the annual Christmas dinner this year but feel sure all will enjoy the treat at the club room. It is for all following the program at the Chapel.

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Floyd Hoag of St. Johns will spend Christmas here with his cousin, Mrs. Bessie Cooke.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crooks will spend Christmas in Flint with relatives.

Mrs. Alfred Hanson entertained the Club 7 Saturday night for their Christmas Party. A pot luck dinner was enjoyed and gifts exchanged. The table and buffet were decorated in a Yule motif for the occasion.

"MAY THE CHRIST CHILD, BLESS ONE AND ALL"

From St. Mary's New Church

Christmas Services

Midnight Mass carols beginning at 11:30 P. M.

8:30 Low Mass with Christmas music.

10:30 A. M. Low Mass.

Father John Breitenstein

Pastor

Frederic News

The Albert Madills were in Traverse City Monday afternoon. Little Jimmy Weaver is much better. He was threatened with pneumonia Sunday.

At Brownies cabins for the winter are Clyde Ledford and his mother, Mrs. Ledford, also her mother, Mrs. Alice McNeal, who will be 90 years old in June. They will build in the spring one mile south of Frederic on US-27.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Kortman and son of Kalkaska are now living at Brownies cabins. The Browns are entertaining their little granddaughter of Saginaw.

The Otis Weavers will spend Christmas in Detroit with their daughter and family.

The Raymond Weavers will spend their Christmas with her folks, the Truman Lavacks in Michigan.

The Re-organized Church of L. D. S. held their Christmas party last Friday night at the Jay O'Dells. 39 were present. Games were played. Gifts exchanged. Ice cream and cookies were served. The friendship quilt made by Mrs. Carl Olson and Mrs. Bessie O'Dell was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Newberry. The proceeds from the quilt went into their building fund.

Mrs. Cleo Armstrong, Alfred Armstrong, Jr., James and Nellie, Mrs. Harry Horton were in Gaylord Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Doyon and family will leave here December 23 for Marine City to visit relatives over Christmas, then to Detroit to visit relatives over New Years.

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